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OF THE

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FORTY SECOND SESSION

OF THE

Louisiana Annual Conference

OF THE

Methodist Episcopal Church, South,

HELD AT

Shreveport, La., January 4-9, 1888.

REV. BISHOP JOSEPH S. KEY, D. D., PRESIDING.

REV. CHARLES F. EVANS, SECRETARY.

NEW ORLEANS,

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LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

MINUTES.

THE Forty-Second Session of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was held in the Church in Shreveport, La., beginning on Wednesday, January 4th, 1888, and adjourned with the night session on Monday, January 9th, 1888; Rev. Bishop Joseph S. Key, D. D., in the chair.

The daily sessions were held from 9 A. M. to 1 P. M., and were opened with devotional exercises conducted by Bishop Key and various members of the Conference.

Chas. F. Evans was elected Secretary, and J. J. Billingsley, Assistant.

The following members answered to roll call during the session:

Clerical—John Pipes, J. L. Wright, B. F. Alexander, John A. Miller, B. F. White, T. H. McClendon, Jesse Fulton, T. J. Upton, John F. Wynn, Frederick White, H. O. White, C. W. Carter, M. C. Manley, R. Parvin, R. A. Davis, R. Randle, J. W. Medlock, C. R. Godfrey, George Jackson, G. M. Liverman, R. S. Trippett, J. M. Brown, C. Keener, E. B. Foust, T. S. Randle, William Hart, J. D. Harper, R. S. Isbell, J. J. Billingsley, F. G. Hocutt, J. T. Sawyer, J. B. Walker, A. E. Clay, J. M. Johnston, N. S. Cornell, L. A. Reed, J. A. Parker, A. A. Cornett, J. F. Patterson, T. K. Faunt LeRoy, J. B. Cassity, S. S. Keener, J. M. Beard, R. M. Blocker, C. T. Munholland, S. H. Whatley, C. F. Evans, B. Carradine, R. J. Harp, F. M. Grace, S. H. Werlein, J. White Davis, John M. Davies, William Wimberly, E. B. Galloway, F. D. Van Valkenburg, Thomas B. White, S. J. Davies, D. C. Barr, J. B. A. Ahrens, A. T. Galloway, J. H. Scruggs, W. P. Kimball, H. D. Kimball, H. J. Boltz, Robert Harry, J. I. Hoffpauir, F. N. Parker, J. S. Saunders, H. S. Johns, H. Armstrong.—71.

Lay—W. B. Thompson, H. Jamieson, Jr., D. B. Doyle, Rev. W. F. Henderson, A. S. Helmick, S. Whited, Rev. G. W. Bruce, Daniel Brewer, John B. Pickles, J. H. Madden, W. W. Guthrie, S. F. Jackson, J. W. Dawson.—13.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial? Wm. F. Henderson, Clayton Marcy Lyons, James E. Denson, James E. Riddle, Washington W. Nicholson, Walter Dunstan, Geo. T. Ashley, T. R. Wimberly, Q. Briscoe Carter, Wm. J. Porter, Jno. B. Williams—11.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? R. P. Howell, S. S. Holliday, Wm. Hill, Geo. A. Mandeville, H. W. May—5.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? C. E. McLean, at his own request—1.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? Robt. Harry, J. Ivy Hoffpauir, F. N. Parker, J. S. Saunders, Henry S. Johns—5.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? Joshua F. Scurlock, from North Georgia Conference; H. Armstrong, from Little Rock Conference; J. O. Bennett, from North Mississippi Conference—3.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? Wilson Moore, Danl. C. Barr, A. T. Galloway, H. D. Kimball, H. J. Boltz—5.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Geo. A. Mandeville, F. N. Parker, J. S. Saunders, H. S. Johns, Robt. Harry—5.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? F. N. Parker, J. S. Saunders, H. S. Johns, Geo. A. Mandeville, Robt. Harry—5.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? S. S. Holliday, J. F. Carroll, W. W. Nicholson, Geo. W. Garrett—4.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? S. S. Holliday, J. F. Carroll, W. W. Nicholson—3.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? S. J. Davies, E. B. Galloway—2.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? S. J. Davies, E. B. Galloway—2.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? None.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? Jno. M. Davies, at his own request—1.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? A. G. Miller, A. M. Wailes, J. F. Scurlock—3.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? P. H Dieffenweirth, G. M. Liverman, Jno. Pipes, J. Fulton, J. H. Stone, E. W. Yancey, G. Jackson, J. L. P. Sheppard—8.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? J. D. Jackson, J. Perry Porter, J. J. Blanz, Jeptha Landrum—4.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called, one by one, and their characters were examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference? Local preachers, 87; white members, 16,315; colored members, 10. For details see statistical tables.

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 998. For details see statistical tables.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 929. For details see statistical tables.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday Schools? 247. For details see statistical tables.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday School teachers? 1,304. For details see statistical tables.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday School scholars? 9,290. For details see statistical tables.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? $4000.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? Rev. S. H. Werlein, Chairman Joint Board of Finance, presented the following report, which was adopted:

COLLECTED.

From works	$2654 30
" Colvin Bequest	9 50
Total	$2663 80

APPLIED.

To widow of C. W. Hodge	$ 50 00	handed to E. B. Galloway.
To widow of R. T. Parish	125 00	handed to J. L. Wright.
To widow of J. S. Davis	103 80	handed to J. White Davis.
To widow of B. Clegg	25 00	handed to M. C. Manley.
To widow of R. R. R. Alexander	75 00	handed to B. F. Alexander.
To widow of Jno. Wilkinson	100 00	handed to C. Keener.
To widow of P. M. Goodwyn	175 00	handed to S. H. Werlein.
To widow of W. D. Stayton	100 00	handed to R. S. Collier.
To widow of J. D. Adams	100 00	handed to T. J. Upton.
To widow of J. G. Krauter	50 00	handed to J. B. A. Ahrens.
To widow of R. M. Crowson	60 00	handed to Philip Burckett.
To widow of Joel Saunders	50 00	handed to J. S. Saunders.
To widow of W. Weimers	50 00	handed to F. G. Hocutt.
To widow of J. E. Bradley	175 00	handed to S. S. Keener.
To widow and orphans J. L. Borden	165 00	handed to Jas. A. Parker.
To orphans P. H. Moss	25 00	handed to C. T. Munholland.
To superannuate J. White Davis	75 00	handed to self.
To superannuate George Jackson	85 00	handed to self.
To superannuate Jno. Pipes	225 00	handed to self.
To superannuate P. H. Dieffenweirth	150 00	handed C. W. Carter.
To superannuate Geo. M. Liverman	225 00	handed to self.
To superannuate Jesse Fulton	175 00	handed to self.
To superannuate E. W. Yancey	150 00	handed to W. H. Hill.
To superannuate J. H. Stone	150 00	handed to R. Parvin.
Total	$2663 80	

APPORTIONMENT FOR 1888.

New Orleans District	$1,133 00	Opelousas District	$635 00
Shreveport District	635 00	Homer District	665 00
Delhi District	600 00	Alexandria District	332 00
Total			$4000 00

BISHOPS' FUND.

Amount of their claim		$890 00
Amount collected from works	$688 09	
Amount paid Bishop Keener	$180 00	
Amount paid Bishop Key	508 65—688 65	688 65
Deficit		$201 35

APPORTIONMENT.

New Orleans District	$320 00	Shreveport District	$135 00
Delhi District	115 00	Homer District	135 00
Opelousas District	115 00	Alexandria Dist	70 00
Total			$890 00

Education.

The assessment and apportionment for 1888 is the same as for Bishops.

Question 29. What has been contributed for Missions? Rev. C. Keener, Treasurer Board of Missions, made the following report, which was adopted, viz:

Report of Treasurer Board of Missions.

C. Keener, Treasurer, in account with Louisiana Conference.

Dr.

Foreign Missions.

Collected from churches	$3,978 75	
Collected from Sunday schools	462 15	
Collected from Woman's Board, Auxiliary to Parent Board	403 60	
Collected from Woman's Board	1,013 80	
Collected from Week Self-Denial and Prayer	2,033 31	
Collected from Anniversary	170 00	$8,061 61

Cr.

Remitted to Dr. D. C. Kelley, in New York Exchange	$2,883 81	
Vouchers Week Self-Denial and Prayer	1,890 00	
Vouchers Woman's Board	1,013 80	
Vouchers Woman's Auxiliary Board	403 60	
Vouchers, from Dr. D. C. Kelley, Treasurer	1,870 40	$8,061 61

Dr.

Domestic Missions.

Collected from churches	$982 20	
Collected at anniversary	69 80	$1,052 00

Cr.

Appropriated.

New Orleans District	150 00	
Homer District	150 00	
Delhi District	100 00	
Opelousas District	152 00	
Alexandria District	300 00	
Shreveport District	200 00	$1,052 00

Apportionment for 1888.

	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions
New Orleans District	$2,000 00	$ 500 00
Shreveport District	1,000 00	360 00
Homer District	1,000 00	360 00
Delhi District	900 00	315 00
Opelousas District	800 00	315 00
Alexandria District	300 00	150 00
	$6,000 00	$2,000 00

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

Annual Report of Mrs. S. B. McCutchen, Treasurer.

To Balance from last report			$ 57 90
New Orleans District:			
Received from Felicity Street Auxiliary	$ 91 05		
Received from La. Avenue Auxiliary	83 00—		174 05
Shreveport District:			
Received from Shreveport Auxiliary	$ 61 00		
Received from Haughton Auxiliary	21 90		
Received from New Hope Auxiliary	4 25		
Received from Woodside Auxiliary	26 10		
Received from Friendship Auxiliary	46 15		
Received from Mansfield Auxiliary	63 95		
Received from Keachie Auxiliary	85 00		
Received from Grand Cane Auxiliary	38 00		
Received from Pine Hill Auxiliary	16 70		
Received from Greenwood Auxiliary	26 20—		389 25
Homer District:			
Received from Homer Auxiliary	$ 9 65		
Received from Ruston Auxiliary	83 45		
Received from Arizona Auxiliary	20 30		
Received from Lisbon Auxiliary	13 05		
Received from Minden Auxiliary	133 10		
Received from Arcadia Auxiliary	38 00		
Received from Downsville Auxiliary	20 00—		317 55
Delhi District:			
Received from Monroe Auxiliary	$ 16 05		
Received from Delhi Auxiliary	10 35		
Received from Doyline Auxiliary	16 95		
Received from Oak Ridge Auxiliary	13 70—		57 05
Alexandria District:			
Received from Alexandria Auxiliary	3 00		
Received from Big Cane Auxiliary	15 00—		18 00
			$1,013 80

Cr.

By remittance to Mrs. R. W. Brown, Treasurer	$202 55		
By amount paid Mrs. E. B. Foster, Cor. Secretary	7 62		
By amount paid for envelopes and stamps	50		
By amount remitted to Mrs. R. W. Brown, Treasurer	208 53		
By amount to Miss E. Logan, for expenses	14 35		
By amount paid by Keachie Auxiliary, for delegate exp.	5 35		
By amount paid for express charges on money from Grand Cane	15		
By amount paid Mrs. Fullilove, President, for expenses.	10 00		
By amount remitted to Mr. McTyeire, Jr., Treasurer	503 50		
By balance on hand to next statement	61 25—		$1,013 80
To balance on hand received since last remittance			$ 61 25

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. S. B. McCutchen, *Treasurer.*

Shreveport, January 5th, 1888.

Ques. 30. What has been contributed for Church Extension? Rev. J. W. Medlock, Treasurer of the Conference Board of Church Extension, made the following report, which was adopted, viz:

The Board of Church Extension in account with the Louisiana Conference:

Dr.

To amount balance on hand last year	$ 40 65	
" " collected this year	791 90	
" " B. Carradine's Subscription	5 00	
" " Anniversary Collection for Parker Loan Fund	69 00	$906 55

Cr.

By amount forward'd Gen'l Board on collections of 1887.	$398 45	
" " paid Lake Providence Church, Delhi District	200 00	
" " Parker Fund	69 00	
Amount of cash on hand	239 10	$906 55

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT CHURCH EXTENSION.

Dr.

To amount received from Opelousas District	$ 5 00	
" " " " Louisiana Avenue Church	10 25	
" " " " St. Charles " "	5 50	
" " " " Oak Ridge " "	24 55	$45 30

Cr.

By am't remitted to David Morton by Treasurer	$22 66	
" " balance in hands Treasurer Woman's Department Church Extension	22 64	$45 30

Ques. 31. What is the number, and what is the estimated value of church edifices? Number of churches, 217—value, $417,517. For details see statistical tables.

Ques. 32. What is the number, and what is the estimated value of parsonages? Number of parsonages, 58. Value of parsonages, $46,116. For details see statistical report.

Ques. 33. What are the educational statistics? Amount assessed to charges, $890 00; amount collected from charges, $398 55. Deficit, $491 45. Students matriculated at Centenary College, 53; professors at Centenary College, 4; students matriculated at Mansfield Female College, 95; professors at Mansfield Female College, 8.

Ques. 34. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? New Orleans.

Ques. 35. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

APPOINTMENTS.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT—*Chas. F. Evans, P. E.*

Carondelet Street, B. Carradine.
Felicity Street, J. T. Sawyer.
Rayne Memorial, J. M. Beard.
Moreau Street, H. D. Kimball.
Plaquemine and Donaldsonville, Wm. Wimberly.
Carrollton Avenue, F. N. Parker—J. F. Scurlock, supernumerary.
Louisiana Avenue, J. B. Walker.
Algiers and Gretna, W. W. Nicholson.
Baton Rouge, T. K. Faunt LeRoy.
Grosse Tete and False River, L. A. Reed.
Dryades Street, C. W. Carter.
Craps Street, J. B. A. Ahrens.
Soraparu and Parker's Chapel, C. M. Lyons.
City Mission, J. J. Billingsley.
Lower Coast Mission, to be supplied.
Editor *N. O. Christian Advocate*, C. W. Carter.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT—*J. B. Cassity, P. E.*

Shreveport, J. H. Scruggs.
Mooringsport, J. S. Saunders.
Caddo, R. J. Harp.
Mansfield, C. Keener.
Woodside and Ebenezer, F. White.
Grand Cane, W. F. Henderson.
Many, S. S. Holliday.
Sabine, H. J. Boltz.
Anacoco, C. R. Wimberly.
Bellewood, to be supplied (by J. C. Carnline).
Pleasant Hill, Jno. M. Johnston.
Natchitoches, R. S. Isbell.
Coushatta, R. A. Davis.
East Point, J. B. Williams.
Red River, R. S. Trippett.
Valley Circuit, A. T. Galloway.
South Bossier, R. M. Blocker.
North Bossier, E. B. Foust.
Northwest Caddo, to be supplied (by F. J. Jones).
President Mansfield Female College, F. M. Grace.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT—*B. F. Alexander, P. E.*

Alexandria, B. F. White.
Lecompte and Bayou Bœuff, S. H. Whatley and J. E. Denson.
Evergreen and Simmsport, C. R. Godfrey and Walter Dunstan.
Spring Creek, Wm. H. Hill.
Sugar Town, W. R. Whatley.
Montgomery, Jno. F. Wynn—A. M. Wailes, supernumerary.
Ada, J. Ivy Hoffpauir, and one to be supplied (by Geo. W. Boothe).
Centerville, Wilson Moore.
Trinity, Geo. T. Ashley.
Columbia, N. S. Cornell.
Castor, to be supplied (by Geo. W. Garrett).

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT—*S. S. Keener, P. E.*

Opelousas, S. J. Davies.
Washington, Henry S. Johns.
Plaquemine, T. H. McClendon.
Lafayette and Indian Bayou, M. C. Manley.
Abbeville, R. Harry.
New Iberia, J. W. Medlock.
Franklin, A. E. Clay.
Lake Charles, Joel T. Daves.
Pattersonville and Morgan City, C. B. Carter.
Sulphur Mine, Robt. T. Howell.
Grand Cheniere, to be supplied (by Robt. Hurst).
Sabine Mission, to be supplied (by W. D. Petty).

DELHI DISTRICT—*J. D. Harper, P. E.*

Monroe, Wm. Hart.
West Monroe, C. T. Munholland.
Bastrop, J. M. Brown.
Lind Grove, J. O. Bennett.
Delhi and Floyd, H. Armstrong.
Oak Grove, to be supplied (by T. B. Reneau).
Lake Providence, T. J. Upton.
Oak Ridge, T. S. Randle.
Richland, J. F. Patterson.
Winnsboro, F. D. Van Valkenburg.
Harrisonburg, W. P. Kimball.
Waterproof and Tensas, J. E. Riddle.

HOMER DISTRICT—*Robt. Randle, P. E.*

Homer, T. B. White.
Haynesville, F. G. Hocutt.
Minden, H. O. White.
Brushwood, R. Parvin.
Ringgold, H. W. Mays.
Sparta and Saline, to be supplied (by P. Burckett).
Arcadia, Jno. A. Miller.
Tulip, James L. Wright.
Summerfield, D. C. Barr.
Ruston, Jas. A. Parker.
Douglas, W. J. Porter.
Vernon, R. S. Collier.
Indian Village, A. A. Cornett.
Downsville, E. B. Galloway.
Farmerville, Geo. A. Mandeville.

TRANSFERRED.

J. White Davis, to East Texas Conference, and appointed to Dodge circuit.
F. S. Parker, to Los Angeles Conference, and appointed to Santa Anna.
S. H. Werlein, to St. Louis Conference, and appointed to Lafayette Park.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

Committees of Examination.

For admission: J. M. Beard, T. S. Randle.
First year: Jno. A. Miller, J. L. P. Sheppard, T. J. Upton.
Second year: B. Carradine, N. S. Cornell, R. S. Isbell.
Third year: T. K. Faunt LeRoy, J. W. Medlock, T. B. White.
Fourth year: J. B. A. Ahrens, J. J. Billingsley, Wm. Hart.

Undergraduates.

First year: Clayton Marcy Lyons, Wm. F. Henderson, James E. Denson, James E. Riddle, Washington W. Nicholson, Walter Dunstan, Geo. T. Ashley, T. R. Wimberly, Wm. J. Porter, C. Briscoe Carter, Jno. B. Williams.

Second year: Robert P. Howell, S. S. Holliday, Wm. H. Hill, Wilson Moore, Harry W. May.

Third year: F. N. Parker, Geo. A. Mandeville, J. Ivy Hoffpauir, J. S. Saunders, Henry S. Johns, Robert Harry, Wilson Moore.

Fourth year: Danl. C. Barr, A. T. Galloway, Horace Kimball, H. J. Boltz.

Board of Education.

Rev. Jas. A. Parker, Rev. R. S. Isbell, Rev. T. B. White, Rev. H. O. White, Rev. S. H. Whatley, Rev. T. K. Faunt LeRoy, J. W. Nicholson, J. H. Madden, A. S. Helmick, Levi Upton, J. B. Pickles, L. B. Wilcox.

Sunday School Board.

Rev. J. M. Brown, Chairman; Rev. A. E. Clay, Rev. R. M. Blocker, Rev. R. A. Davis, Rev. J. L. Wright, Rev. L. A. Reed, Jno. L. Scales, J. W. Dawson, A. H. Mayo, C. A. Stackey, W. H. Foster, H. P. Wells.

Board of Missions for 1888.

Rev. J. T. Davies, Rev. J. B. A. Ahrens, Rev. C. Keener, Rev. T. H. McClendon, Rev. B. Carradine, Rev. Jno. Miller, C. J. Foster, T. H. Dalton and Hugh Jamieson, Jr.

Board of Church Extension.

Rev. J. M. Beard, Rev. J. W. Medlock, Rev. J. J. Billingsley, Rev. S. H. Werlein, Rev. Wm. Hart, Rev. J. M. Johnston, T. C. Barron, Dr. A. S. Helmick, B. O. L. Rayne, T. C. Standifer, W. C. Chevis, J. J. Stockwell.

Joint Board of Finance for 1888.

Rev. T. H. McClendon, Rev. R. J. Harp, Rev. H. D. Kimball, Rev. Wm. Wimberly, T. H. Dalton, Rev. C. T. Munholland, Rev. J. F. Wynn, Rev. R. Parvin, B. O. L. Rayne, S. B. McCutchen, U. T. Blackshear, J. B. Pickles, J. W. Dawson.

Standing Committees.

Rev. J J. Billingsley, Chairman Committee on Temperance.
Rev. B. Carradine, Chairman Committee on Church Publications.
Rev. R. S. Trippett, Chairman Committee on Bible Cause.

Visiting Committees.

Centenary College: B. Carradine, C. F. Evans and J. J. Billingsley.
Mansfield Female College: Jno. A. Miller, J. H. Scruggs, B. F. White.

Committee on Conference Relations.

Rev. C. W. Carter, Chairman; Rev. R. A. Davis, S. H. Whatley, Rev. T. H. McClendon, Rev. T. K. Faunt LeRoy, Rev. Jno. A. Miller, Rev. A. E. Clay, Rev. H. O. White.

COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

Rev. C. Keener, Chairman; Rev. M. C. Manley, Rev. J. B. A. Ahrens, Rev. N. S. Cornell.

COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

Rev. T. B. White, Chairman; Rev. Jno. F. Wynn, Rev. J. J. Billingsley.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE IN REFERENCE TO CO-EDUCATION.

T. K. Faunt LeRoy, B. F. Alexander, R. W. Blocker, J. B. Walker, F. M. Grace.

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF MANSFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE.

Rev. J. B. Cassity, Rev. C. Keener, Rev. B. F. Alexander, Jno. L. Scales, A. F. Jackson.

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF PIERCE AND PAINE COLLEGE.

Rev. B. F. Alexander, Rev. Jno. Pipes, Rev. R. Parvin, Rev. R. J. Harp, Rev. R. S. Trippett, Rev. J. M. Johnston, Rev. J. B. Cassity, Rev. R. S. Isbell, Rev. F. M. Grace, Rev. S. J. Davies, Rev. J. M. Beard, Rev. N. S. Cornell, H. J. Davis, W. H. Jordan, W. Hampton, W. T. Hopkins, W. D. Gooch, D. A. Blackshear, N. Taylor, W. E. Davis, E. F. Nolan, Jno. Graham, J. H. Dorsey, Jno. Fike

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MISCELLANEOUS.

UNOCCUPIED CHURCHES.

WHEREAS, There are many of our churches at which services are held only once or twice a month;

AND, WHEREAS, The general interests of Methodism require that our congregations be brought together more frequently; therefore,

Resolved, That some intelligent layman or laymen be requested or appointed by the pastor to conduct religious worship at each of these churches on those Sabbaths when not occupied by the pastor or other minister of our church.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Resolved, That we do most heartily and earnestly welcome our sisters into the work of missions, and promise them all help in our power, both as pastors and brethren.

THANKS.

Resolved, That we do hereby unanimously tender our heartfelt thanks to the kind people of Shreveport for the generous hospitality lavished upon us, and to the pastors and official Boards of sister churches for the use of their pulpits during the session of this body. We also express our grateful acknowledgments to the various railroad and steamboat lines for abatement of fares, and to the local newspaper press for extended notices of our proceedings.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

An Act to Incorporate the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

SECTION I. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly convened, That John C. Keener, H. N. McTyeire, J. Saunders, R. Randle, J. B. Walker, S. J. Davies, L. Parker, Philo M. Goodwyn and L. A. Reed, and their associates and successors, such as the Louisiana Conference may from time to time see proper to appoint, be and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the "Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," and by which name the said corporation shall have succession, and be capable of suing and being sued, entering into contracts, and receiving and holding property for educational purposes, and such charitable purposes as may, from time to time, be specified by the said Conference at its annual session, either by donation or purchase.

SEC. II. Be it further enacted, etc., That the domicile of said corporation shall be located in the city of New Orleans, and the affairs thereof shall be managed by nine trustees, to be appointed by the Louisiana Annual Conference, one of whom shall be elected President. The President and four trustees shall form a quorum, and shall have power to appoint all other officers necessary for conducting its affairs, and make and adopt such rules, by-laws and regulations as they may deem proper for the management of said corporation, provided that the same be in conformity with the laws and regulations of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and not repugnant to the laws of the State.

JOHN M. SANDIGE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
ROBERT C. WICKLIFFE,
President of the Senate.

Approved March 15, 1855.

P. O. HEBERT,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
ANDREW S. HERRON.

LEGAL CONFERENCE.

Revs. Charles W. Carter, T. K. Faunt LeRoy, C. Keener, John T. Sawyer, R. S. Trippett, John Pipes, B. F. Alexander, T. J. Williams and W. H. Foster.

Resolved, That the Conference Board of Trustees be instructed to hold a meeting at every session of the Conference, and to make a report in due form to the Conference of their proceedings, and all matters in their charge.

Resolved, That the Act of Incorporation be published annually in the printed Minutes.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The following is the rule respecting the organization of District Conferences:

The District Conference shall be composed, first, of all the preachers, traveling and local, in the district; and, second, of one lay delegate from every forty members, or fractional part thereof, within the bounds of each circuit, station and mission in the district. The lay members shall be elected by the several Quarterly Conferences, and no Quarterly Conference shall be denied two lay delegates.

REPORTS OF BOARDS & COMMITTEES.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

There is no question which has been more thoroughly examined and discussed than the consumption of spirituous liquors by the peoples of this world. It has been investigated in the light of science, hygiene, social and political economy and morality; and the universal consensus of the representative thinkers in these various fields is, that it is an evil so formidable and threatening that, if not checked, it will ultimately extinguish the race of man.

In the United States, more than 200,000 persons are engaged in its manufacture and sale, and millions of dollars are invested in its prosecution. In Europe, more men and money are involved; and, when looked at as a whole, the evil seems so widespread and well fortified that any attempt to mitigate it must seem, when superficially regarded, futile. If the evils of strong drink were generally recognized by the people as a whole, there would be greater hope in speedily suppressing the cause of them; but the most lamentable fact is, that millions of the race have tasted the magical cup, and are too intensely fascinated by it to be willing to relinquish it. They have been unconsciously and unintentionally brought under the despotism of the drink trade, and by it are made its minions to perpetuate a power which threatens the destruction of all the arts and achievements of this Christian civilization. Great and good men in this and other lands have sounded the alarm, and the attention of millions of thoughtful persons has been directed to the mammoth proportions of this great iniquity. The churches are no longer dumb. Thousands of her pulpits resound with most emphatic denunciation of the drink evil. Temperance and prohibitory organizations are being formed all over the land to antagonize this monster crime. The Knights of Labor, controlling in large measure the thoughts and passions of millions of our fellow-citizens, have declared war against King Alcohol, and refuse fraternity with any who manufacture or sell intoxicating liquors. This militant attitude grows out of the manifest iniquity of the drink trade. It is an evil without mitigation. It is the parent of all other crimes.

The Supreme Court of the United States, in the decision recently rendered, in which the constitutionality of prohibitory laws was affirmed and emphasized, said: "We can not shut out of view the fact, within the knowledge of all, that the public health, the public morals, and the public safety may be endangered by the general use of intoxicating drinks, nor can we ignore the fact, established by statistics accessible to everyone, that the disorder, pauperism and crime prevalent in the country are, in large measure, directly traceable to the evil."

A writer in the *North American* declares: "It blights, it sears, it rots, it decays, it destroys whatever it touches. If the seller outlives the buyer, it is only because he is cold blooded enough to make profit out of the destruction of his fellows without exposing himself to the danger they invite; but in the end it kills him. It is the cause of ninety per cent. of the pauperism with which the world is afflicted, and which good men have to pay for, and fully ninety per cent. of the crime of the world may be charged to the same cause. It makes paupers and criminals of men in the first instance, and entails pauperism, insanity, and an irresistible tendency to crime upon posterity." Nothing can be said in defense of it. As a medicine, it is rarely needed, and some of the most renowned physicians declare that it should never be used even in sickness, as other stimulants are known in *materia medica* whose direct and after effects are better.

Alcohol is a recognized poison, and the liquor traffic is nothing less than the wholesale slaughter of human victims whose earnings are confiscated and deposited in the coffers of diabolical selfishness. Should it be tolerated? It not only enslaves millions of men and carries hundreds of thousands of them annually into drunkards' graves, but it reaches down to thousands of the youths of the land from ten to fifteen years of age, and fastens its deadly fangs in their vitals. It inveigles young girls and maidens into its brilliant and convivial temples, and sends out annually an immense army of prostitutes to parade the streets of the great cities. It is not only the assassinator of life; it is also the spoliator of property and the seducer of virtue. At its doors are hatched plots, treasons, incendiarism, conspiracies, murders most foul, and deeds the most violent. Its thresholds have been amphitheatres of most bloody deeds, and at its unhallowed altars young manhood has often been transformed into helpless imbecility. It is a brazen-faced law breaker. What command of God or law of man has it not defied? Where does the Sunday Law exist which it has not tried to defeat? Into what Legislature have its lobbyists and hired emissaries been too conscientious to go with bribery as their object? What session of Congress is distinguished for the absence from it of liquor men whose money and political influence for years have successfully defeated a repeatedly proposed bill for a commission to inquire into the nature of the liquor business? At what election have the saloons been hermetically closed, so that the presence of liquor might not tamper with the votes of those exercising the election franchise? The liquor men are a great power in the politics of the country. A writer says: "Take their enormous vote, mass the men employed in breweries, the wholesalers and retailers of liquors, the bar tenders and other assistants directly employed, the collateral branches of trade dependent more or less upon them, and the vast army of hangers-on of the saloons, and it is a power which can and does control the cities of the country. Parties vie with each other in bidding for the saloon vote, nominations are made with sole reference to it, and this unholy power would become the government but for the counteracting influence in the country, which is yet, to some extent, free from its infernal influence." For one moment contemplate the havoc which such rulers would make of the order, proprieties and ethics of the land, if they had unlimited control. We are not altogether unacquainted with their unfitness for legislative and municipal honors in our own State. Enemies of God, of the Bible, of religion, of the church, of humanity, they would in a short time reverse the wheels of progress and carry the race back to the days of vice and ignorance, when men "changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshiped and served the creature more than the Creator."

In Louisiana, at the last session of the Legislature, the liquor license was fixed at $50. This puts a premium on the iniquitous business. A legitimate business pays a higher license.

It is important not to overlook the existence of an organization in New Orleans, and in the largest towns of Louisiana, recently formed in the interest of the liquor trade. Their object is to secure votes toward the abrogation of the Sunday Law, and to oppose high license and prohibition. Several thousand persons have agreed among themselves to vote for only such legislative candidates as will endorse their principles and work for the above purpose. This enforces on the attention of the moral and patriotic suffragans of the State the necessity of counteracting such influences by a more conscientious and systematic employment of the ballot.

We will not consume space to emphasize the vast expenditure of money and the reduction of the resources of the land consequent upon the existence of the liquor traffic. The moral consequences are of infinitely greater concern. Its destruction of health, of mind, of manhood, of reputation, of the soul, are considerations sufficient to influence any Christian heart with undying protest and uncompromising warfare against this enemy of the race. The penitentiaries, the hospitals, the insane asylums,

the grave of many a suicide, households of despair, many a broken heart, thousands of blighted lives call to us, as ministers of God, to wage relentless battle against this champion of perdition.

The government, seeing the danger, has tried to lay some embargo on the evil. The effort has been to discourage the manufacture of alcoholic beverages by imposing a heavy revenue on them. President Cleveland, in his recent message, suggested that the tariff be diminished on articles necessary to human comfort, and more heavily imposed on luxuries, and among them he designated spirituous liquors. This has not succeeded in lessening the evil, inasmuch as distilleries and breweries are in flourishing condition, and the liquor trade does not seem to have suffered much. High license has been resorted to. It is claimed by the exponents and advocates of this method that the results are measurably satisfactory. Many earnest and conscientious temperance workers favor high license, as more constitutional and efficient than the more radical measure of prohibition. While the effect may be to discriminate against the smaller and poorer saloons, it enhances the patronage and attractiveness of the more pretentious drinking establishments. But one method seems left, and that is absolute prohibition of the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors, except for medicinal purposes. It is answered that prohibition has been resorted to in some parts of the country, and has been found inefficient to prohibit. It is quite as true that the law forbidding murder, arson, forgery, does not absolutely prevent the perpetration of these crimes. But who shall say that these laws are not greatly protective of human life and property? There are evil men who, when inflamed by passion or cupidity, will dare infringe any law and defy any consequences. But the vast majority of those inclined to wrong-doing are deterred by the arm of the law and the penalties enforced.

The Christian citizen should make no compromise with crime. To license any iniquity for pecuniary purposes or on grounds of expediency is clearly opposed to the divine revelation. Prohibition, thorough and absolute, is the demand of the Christian commonwealth. The liquor business should be construed as crime, like the administering of poison, and severe penalties should be imposed on the offender. Let the law against the traffic be so constructed as to stamp the man who engages in it as a criminal. Let society declare itself against the transgressor; let him be ostracized from the regard and recognition of his fellows. Let the frown of the community rest upon him as upon the assassin, or wife beater, or highway robber. Let the man who contemplates such a business understand the degradation and criminality which attaches to the nefarious employment. It must be stamped out! This was the divine method in relation to the extinction of idolatry. Upon the extirpation of the liquor business is conditioned the blessing of God on the nation. The voice of history is in vain unless its warning be heard.

While we recommend the uncompromising extinction of this great evil, and while in duty bound we must characterize it as it merits, yet we would not forget to extend charity to and earnestly invoke the grace of God in behalf of the thousands who, in ignorance of God, defend and perpetuate this destructive business.

Resolutions.

Resolved, That we extend most hearty sympathy to all temperance organizations in the State, the object of which is the suppression of the drink evil.

Resolved, That we are in active sympathy with the temperance work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and bid them God-speed in their great work of reform.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Louisiana Conference be requested to prepare a suitable memorial, to be addressed to the coming session of the Legislature, praying that no change be made in the Sunday Law as

it now exists, by which drinking-saloons are ordered to be closed on the Lord's day.

Resolved, That we are ready to co-operate with our fellow-countrymen in any proper effort to secure the passage of a constitutional law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Resolved, That we deplore the exportation of spirituous liquors from the United States to foreign lands, especially to Africa and other countries, where ignorance and superstition and barbarism are regnant; thereby impeding and counteracting the labor of Christian missionaries, and driving godless and untutored peoples yet further into the meshes of despair.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. WERLEIN, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Board of Education have carefully reviewed the status of our educational interest, noting the comparative condition of our schools. While progress has been apparent at one point, but little, if any, advance has been made at another. For some years past this Board has been trying to find the hinderance to our success. In the faculties and in the curricula of our schools we believe we recognize the elements of fitness; and yet we do not see the success for which we so anxiously wait. As to the expense of education in our schools, it is clearly as light as can be expected where first-class work is required. The prices of board and tuition seem to be regulated with a view to the finances of our people. So far as we are able to learn, the methods of teaching, the religious preception, and general discipline of our schools are according to the most generally approved methods in schools of similar grades. We have looked in vain to the colleges for the hinderance to success.

In the firm belief that there is a way to succeed, and that when once the proper way is opened success will be reached, we have turned our attention to the question of District High Schools.

Comparatively few people ever complete a college course, while, for the same reason, many never enter college. Schools of high grade, centrally located in our denominational centers, would reach many hundreds of Methodist youths who can never be reached under our present system.

Two great schools, however eligibly located, can never meet the demands of Methodists of Louisiana. Their locations are too remote from the homes of the patrons. Brick and mortar are not the demands of the day. Teachers—men and women who fear God and teach school because they can do good by teaching—are what we need.

There is some locality in each district of our Conference, perhaps more than one, where denominational schools could be established and run successfully. True, this could not be done with the heavy and expensive machinery of a college; but, with the simple gearing of a high school, such an idea is not chimerical.

In our greatness we seem to have overlooked our minor resources. While a simple "common-school" education measures the ambition of the masses; while such is the demand of our people, and of the people generally, it seems the part of unwisdom to provide for, and demand of such, a college course of instruction. The local patronage of nine-tenths of the denominational colleges constitutes the greater part of their matriculation. If this be so, and the expensive organizations of those colleges can be kept up with such patronage, why may not the High School succeed with an equal local patronage, aided by a comparative "boarders' list" of semi-local students?

Referring to these great central schools, one or two in each Conference or State, we are told that there is "strength" in "union." This may be true; but there is not always *success* in union—not always safety in it.

This principle applied to a "skirmish line" would be pronounced very poor generalship. It is equally poor when applied to schools. Every part of the line should be occupied—every possible place should be filled. The secular authority is gradually encroaching upon Christian prerogatives in the administration of the school systems of the several States; and the churches will have to fight or retreat. The establishment by the State, of great central schools, richly endowed by annual contributions from the public treasury, and granting free tuition to all who may be able to pay the board bill, is a dangerous thrust at the very heart of Christian education. The imminency of the danger will be more clearly seen in the light of the fact that, under the custom of the secular authorities of Louisiana, no religious tenets can be taught; and no moral fitness is required in the teachers. If, under our present system, we can overcome these difficulties, it will be a boon to know how to do it.

It is a fact that our colleges are first-class in the competency of the faculties and in the thoroughness of the curricula; and it is a most lamentable fact that but few of our people ever enjoy the opportunities offered by them. Hence it is clear that our present system does not reach the people.

Very probably a part of the difficulty grows out of, or results from, a want of what may be called denominationalism among our people. Christianity is full of charity to all men and all associations of men; and "Methodism is Christianity in earnest." But Christianity never overlooks its own demands, its cardinal principles and highest aims, on account of its charity to others. Nor should Methodism do so. We want a spirit in the membership of our church "which loves its own; and so much the more as we see the day approaching."

Looking into the future by the light of the past, we see no hope for any material change along this line. That, like other things which we have tried, has failed; and we stand to-day very nearly where we stood ten years ago, with less than one hundred students in our school, having buildings and grounds valued at more than $75,000. This, too, out of a membership of near 16,000 souls. Is there not necessarily some fault in a system which falls so far short of success? That is not the best the intelligence and wealth of our people *can* do, and *will* do, if only we can bring them face to face with the opportunities.

This is what we desire, and for this reason we present these facts to the Conference, trusting some steps may be taken towards the establishment of a system of graded schools which will bring our educational facilities nearer to the people (both as to distance and cost of education) than is possible with our colleges.

We have carefully inquired into the proposition contained in the papers from Gibbsland, presented to the Conference by Rev. R. Parvin, and, while we do not think it is to the best interest of our church, nor to the cause of education, for this Conference to take the matter in hand, we are rejoiced to hear of the zeal of our brethren there, and bid them God-speed in the good work.

Touching this question, we offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the papers referred to this Board from Gibbsland, through Rev. R. Parvin, be referred to the Homer District Conference.

Resolved, That each of the Presiding Elders of the Louisiana Conference be requested to make an effort to establish one or more District High Schools in his district during the present year, or as soon as practicable.

CENTENARY COLLEGE.

The Board of Education has had before it communications from Bishop Keener, President of the Board of Trustees; from Prof. Wiley, Acting President; and from Rev. D. P. Bradford, who has charge of the Stewards' Hall of Centenary College. Beside these sources of information, we have been favored with the presence and counsels of Rev. P. A. Johnston, the recently appointed Agent of the College.

Through these channels we learn that the College is out of debt, in a good state of repairs, and has capacity to room and sleep 200 students. The patronage of the College is small—very small; which small number of students is attributed in part to the ill-timed resignation of President Adams.

Acting President Wiley informs us that there are 50 students in the College: 9 of whom are studying for the ministry; 9 are the sons of ministers, and two are working their way through the college, making a total of twenty—or two-fifths of the whole number of students—non-paying. At present the Board of Education are unable to learn of the presence at Centenary of more than two sons of ministers, and no ministerial students from the Louisiana Conference.

The collections this year for educational purposes are even lighter than for last year, the amount being only $398 55. We recommend that this amount be paid to Bro. Johnston, the Agent of Centenary College, for tuition of ministerial students in the college for the year 1888.

We offer for the consideration and adoption of the Conference the following resolution, viz.:

Be it resolved, By the members of the Louisiana Conference, severally, that our sympathies, our prayers, and our unfaltering efforts shall be zealously directed to securing patronage for our worthy and venerable Centenary College; that we will commend it to our people, and welcome the Agent of the college, Rev. P. A. Johnston, to our charges whenever he may visit us in the interests of that institution; that all funds collected by the pastors, under the jurisdiction of this Conference, shall be at once forwarded by them to Rev. T. K. Faunt LeRoy, Treasurer of the Board, for which he shall receipt to the pastors, and report the amounts so received by him to the next ensuing session of the Conference.

MANSFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE.

At the session of our Conference, held at Ruston, La., one year ago, the Board of Education were more hopeful for this college than for several years, and we are sorry to have to report our hopes not realized.

The reason for this stoppage in the growth of the college is, no doubt, largely due to the failure of Dr. Grace—on account of affliction in his family—to visit the patrons of the school during the past summer.

It may be found necessary, in the management of the affairs of the college, to do one of two things, viz.: 1. Organize a cheaper faculty, and reduce the rates of tuition to meet the popular clamor; or, 2. Introduce a system of co-education. While the Board is not disposed to hold on to old things because they are old, nor reject new ideas because they are new, we doubt the propriety of introducing a system of military tactics, or manual of arms drill, into a female college, in lieu of calisthenics. In the former, convenience and safety in handling a weapon is the object aimed at, while in the latter the exercise and development of each and every muscle of the body is the point sought to be accomplished.

The Board of Education desire to avoid the insinuation that Mansfield Female College has seriously lost ground since our last session. This, we are assured, is not the case. It is simply a failure to meet our expectations.

In view of the foregoing we offer the following:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Conference, Mansfield College should be opened to students of both sexes, and such changes made in the buildings and charter of the college as will conform and adapt it to the requirements of a school for both sexes; and that a committee of five be appointed to examine the charter of Mansfield Female College, and devise such methods as may result in a modification of the charter, so as to admit of the co-education of the sexes, and report at the next Annual Conference.

PROPERTY OF PIERCE AND PAINE COLLEGE.

We have no report from the Trustees of this property, but recommend the election of the following Board for the year 1888, viz:

Rev. B. F. Alexander, Rev. Jno. Pipes, Rev. R. Parvin, Rev. R. J. Harp, Rev. R. S. Trippett, Rev. J. M. Johnston, Rev. J. B. Cassity, Rev. R. S. Isbell, Rev. F. M. Grace, Rev. S. J. Davies, Rev. J. M. Beard, Rev. N. S. Cornell, H. J. Davis, W. H. Jordan, W. Hampton, W. T Hopkins, W. D. Gooch, D. A. Blackshear, N. Taylor, W. E. Davis, E. F. Nolan, Jno. Graham, J. H. Dorsey, Jno. Fike.

In view of the tendency of the times, to encourage various forms of worldly amusement among the young people of our church contrary to our customs and doctrines, we offer the following:

Resolved, That we admonish the heads of our educational institutions to use every means at their command to discourage such things in their schools, and carefully to inculcate the teachings of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, touching these things.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. PARKER, *President.*

R. S. ISBELL, *Secretary.*

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The amount assessed the Louisiana Conference for Church Extension last year was $2,100. Of that amount the Treasurer's report shows that only $796 90 has been received, showing a deficit of $1,403 10.

It is to be deeply regretted that the Church Extension enterprise does not receive that attention which its importance demands. This Board has already saved the church in some places from utter extinction; where misfortune has befallen it has rendered timely aid. It has gone into destitute places, and has assisted the poor in erecting a dwelling-place for the Most High; it has followed the missionary of the cross, and has enabled him to garner the fruits of his preaching; it has assisted in building the house, and making permanent in each conquered province a centre of moral power, giving stability and permanency to the work, and, therefore, should receive the hearty co-operation of presiding elders, pastors and churches, whose duties are clearly defined in the Discipline. We are falling far below the necessities and opportunities God opens before us. Hundreds of communities in remote places have no church, and can not build without aid. There is no limit to the work before us, and our resources and activities must be largely increased before we can meet even the most imperative calls of Divine Providence.

The report of the General Board shows that 232 churches were helped by loans and donations from April 1, 1886, to March 31, 1887; the Conference Boards have helped 181 churches, and the General Board 51 churches. During the same period five churches were helped within the bounds of the Louisiana Conference by our Conference Board to the amount of $450; and during the present session $200 has been donated to the church recently erected at Lake Providence, Delhi District; and still other applications for help are before our Board.

LOAN FUND.

The General Board has also recommended to all our Annual Conferences the raising and administering of a Loan Fund, to be used only in loans to churches on adequate security, to be returned and afterwards re-loaned to other churches, thus perpetuating indefinitely its work. This movement, if presented fully before the business men of the church, would lead them to turn with special favor to the fund. Loan

funds have been founded in several of the Conferences. The wisdom of this plan is demonstrated by its success. The first loan made by the Parent Board was on August 23, 1883. During the two years and a half following $38,150 was loaned to churches, on which interest was paid amounting to $598 25; and during the same period the amount of principle collected was $8,950, making a total of $9,548 25, showing that the Board had already gotten back more than one-fourth of the whole amount loaned.

It is to be regretted that up to this time no effort has been made to establish a Loan Fund by this Conference. The following words of Dr. David Morton, General Secretary, deserve immediate attention: "The success which has been achieved in those Conferences where effort has been made to raise loan funds warrants the belief that at least $5,000 for such a fund can be secured in any Conference that will make diligent and persistent endeavor to do so. If your Conference has not already inaugurated such a movement, we trust it will be done at this session."

We have a Kavanaugh Loan Fund by donations of the friends of the late Bishop Kavanaugh. We have also a Marvin Fund and a Paine Fund; why not a Parker Loan Fund by the Louisiana Conference as a tribute to our departed beloved Bishop Parker?

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

This department of Church Extension has for its object the building of parsonages. This Board was fully organized at the last General Conference, which elected Miss Lucinda B. Helm, General Secretary. The interest in this important enterprise is deepening, and the church is aroused as never before on the subject of providing pastors with homes.

The General Secretary reported for the year ending March 31, 1887, a total of 92 societies, with 1,595 members. Three auxiliaries have been reported within the Louisiana Conference; but no funds have been received by the Treasurer of this Board.

Church Extension Anniversary was held on Friday night, January 6, 1888, at which time a Parker Loan Fund was inaugurated—$178 was raised in cash and subscription.

The following are the members of this Conference Board: Rev. J. M. Beard, President; Rev. C. W. Carter, D. D., Vice-President; Rev. J. W. Medlock, Treasurer; Wm. Hart, Secretary; Rev. J. J. Billingsley, Rev. F. N. Parker, Rev. J. M. Johnston, T. C. Barrow, Dr. A. S. Helmick, B. O. L. Rayne, T. C. Standifer.

The Board adopted the following:

Resolved, That Rev. Dr. Carter be hereby requested to make appeals in behalf of the Parker Loan Fund through the columns of the *Advocate*, and in addresses during his travels.

APPORTIONMENT FOR 1888.

New Orleans District	$593 75	Shreveport District	$343 75
Delhi "	322 50	Alexandria "	212 50
Homer "	343 75	Opelousas "	283 75
Total			$2,100 00

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders are requested to make arrangement, if practicable, for public meetings during the sessions of their District Conferences, at which time addresses shall be made on Church Extension, and explanation shall be given concerning the Parker Loan Fund.

Resolved, That each preacher in charge is earnestly requested, if possible, to secure, early in the year, the full amount of assessment for Church Extension, and forward the same, as soon as collected, to the Treasurer of the Conference Board,

Respectfully submitted, WM. HART, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH PUBLICATIONS.

Our annual exhortation on this line is in order. It would to some seem an unnecessary labor to warn people against an evil literature, and urge them to the use and adoption of pure and elevating publications. But such is the bias of mind to forbidden evil, and such the insidious attacks of sin and Satan in this way upon the mind and character, and such the unsuspecting spirit of many, that we are compelled to uplift the warning and pleading voice, from time to time, until the wrong is rectified, and the good and sound and wholesome, in book and paper, is established in the land.

How much is bound up in a book! What measureless force and power! An evil man passes away and is forgotten, but the book remains and gushes out its corrupting influences. To open it at any time is to unseal the fountain.

In the days of the primitive church a heresy would be demolished, and, lo! forty, fifty, one hundred years afterward, a book would be found —think of it! not a man, but a book would be found containing the pernicious doctrines, and the heresy would rage afresh.

If we could only get men to see that the mental and spiritual welfare of communities—nearer still, that the destiny and character of their children were profoundly affected by books; that the book in their hands was molding them more than any other influence, and almost more than all other influences combined, we would see, then, a carefulness that we do not behold now, as to the character of literature that enters their homes.

When we hear prominent unbelievers say that they obtained their first skeptical bias from a book; when we trace the churchless life, the diseased character, the wild and romantic imaginings, the unnatural melancholy, the unhealthy views of life, prevailing among thousands of our young people, to certain kinds of books and papers, who is not ready for reformation, if not revolution?

As for the power of a pure, good paper or book—who is sufficiently impressed, and can properly estimate? A gentleman said to the writer that whenever he stood in the presence of a large collection of books, he always took off his hat and remained uncovered. A sense of reverence at the silent greatness and uplifting influence, and awe at their power, swept over him, until the volumes became thinking, breathing, living persons before him, and he was, in a sense, silenced and overwhelmed in their presence.

What have they not done; what can they not do? One of the mightiest and most gracious gifts of God to men is a good book and paper. They feed the mind and expand the heart and broaden the character, and, in a word, do for us what the sunshine does for the seed imprisoned in the earth. Let the light come, we say, and that abundantly, in a pure, sound literature.

Let us remember that it was a book that arrested and turned Doddridge to heaven. It was a book that was instrumental in the salvation of Wilberforce. It was a tract that, under Christ, saved Baxter, while in thousands of instances it has been the religious paper that from its pure white wings shook out fragrance and healing and blessings to individual and family and community. Here they are seed instinct with eternal life. Or here they are as signets, upraised, and ready to descend. And here on all sides are the spirits, plastic and impressible, and ready to be marked and sealed for righteous living and heaven. Let the signets fall! This committee says, Amen! and let the church say, Amen! It rests with the church to say what kind of signets we shall have. May God move upon us and direct us in this matter!

Next to continuous personal effort, upon the part of our preachers, to introduce good literature into the families of the land, we are impressed that the very best thing to be done now is for our ministers to preach upon the subject, showing in a set discourse the wonderful power bound up in and flowing from a people's literature.

We heartily commend our *Nashville Advocate* and other church publications to the notice and regard and use of our people.

As for the *New Orleans Christian Advocate*, we simply say that when Bishops have praised, and Conferences endorsed, and the public have been pleased, no action of approval or commendation on our part, as a committee, is needed. But we do say that the paper possesses our affection, and shall receive our best labors. The paper has done us good; let us do good to the paper. The *Advocate* has stood by us; let us all determine to stand by the *Advocate*.

B. CARRADINE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

We, your Committee on District Conference Records, beg leave to submit that we have examined all the books presented to the committee, with the following results, to wit:

The Record of Homer District is defective in not naming, at the opening session, except in the *body* of the *minutes*, the *place* where the Conference was held. There is only one interlineation in the entire minutes for this session, and, but for a few ink-splotches, they are unusually full, neat, well arranged, indexed clearly, and properly signed.

On the Record for the New Orleans District Conference we report that it is also defective, in not naming, at its opening session, except in the *body* of the minutes, the *place* where the Conference was held; nor does this Record show in its opening session of what *Annual* Conference this District Conference formed a part. There are a few *blots*, seven erasures, and fifteen interlineations, which mar the neatness and attractiveness of the book.

On page 37 we find the following: "The minutes of yesterday's session were read. E. P. Mackie objected to the use of the title *Mr.* as a prefix to the names of members of the Conference. The Secretary defended the title on the ground of good usage. The Secretary was instructed, on motion, to alter the minutes in this particular, so that the word 'Brother' be prefixed to the names of laymen, and 'Reverend' to names of clergymen therein." We find, on examination, that the corrections ordered have not been made on pages 33 and 34.

With these exceptions the minutes are well gotten up, with a good marginal index, and are very creditable to the Secretary.

The Record of Delhi District Conference is defective, in not naming the *Annual* Conference of which it forms a part. There is one interlineation, two erasures, and several ugly blots, which detract seriously from the beauty of the otherwise well-worded and well-written minutes.

The Alexandria District Conference Record was not before the committee, nor were the Records of the Opelousas and Shreveport Districts. The Presiding Elder of the former District reports, however, that the Record for that District was stolen, together with his valise, and could, therefore, not be produced.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. J. BILLINGSLEY, *for Committee.*

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PAINE INSTITUTE.

Your committee to whom was referred the communication of the Commissioner of Education, relative to the work of our church in establishing training-schools in behalf of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America, would state that we have had the same under prayerful consideration, and ask to make the following statements and to present the subjoined resolution:

The organization of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, by authority and under direction of the General Conference of 1870, was clearly, in the light of these succeeding years, under the guiding hand of the great Head of the church. These people have remained true to us in the singleness of purpose, for which they were set up as a church. From their Bishops down, they have remained singularly free from all political alliances, and have held steadfastly to the one end of giving the gospel in Methodist simplicity to their people. Moreover, they have maintained their church in harmony with us in keeping the two races apart, socially and in the marital relation. They stand for the purity of their African as we do for our Anglo-Saxon blood. Again, we can rely upon their preaching everywhere against the whisky power. They teach their people to be quiet and law-abiding citizens, and to cultivate the closest friendship with our church and the Southern people as their natural and providential allies. Their progress and enlargement is amazing, considering their start and the unavoidable drawbacks, not the least of which was the almost gross ignorance of many of those they seemed forced to send out as ministers to preach the gospel and organize societies.

While all other negro churches in the South have been either directly or indirectly connected with the people North, and, as a consequence, have shared in the educational benefits by securing to themselves a more intelligent ministry, the Colored Church has had no one to look to for help, except the Southern Methodist Church. Your committee is profoundly impressed with the supreme opportunity that God has opened to our church to do a great missionary work for the negroes of the South by the establishment of these training-schools. Instead of one, and that one jeopardized for the want of a few thousand dollars, we ought to have at least three, thoroughly organized and equipped for efficient work. One of these institutes ought to be west of the Mississippi river; and we are glad to know from the Commissioner that such is the purpose of the Board. We respectfully submit the following for your adoption:

Resolved, That in view of the fact that the property is jeopardized on account of the non-payment of amounts due, and the liability of failure to secure the $25,000 conditionally promised by Rev. Moses U. Paine, we heartily commend the Commissioner, Rev. W. C. Dunlap, to the favorable consideration of those of our people who feel able and are disposed to assist in this noble work.

Resolved, That in order to give publicity to our action, we respectfully request that this report be published in the *New Orleans* and *Nashville Christian Advocates*.

THOS. J. UPTON,
B. F. WHITE,
R. J. HARP.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

According to the figures reported to this Conference, so far as they have been accessible to us, there has been very little increase in numbers; but, then, as the reports of some of the preachers reached the Secretary of the Conference after the statistics had all been tabulated, we may reasonably suppose that encouraging progress has been made.

The Sunday School work, in many sections of our territory, must be

prosecuted amid great difficulties and embarrassments; but, instead of yielding to these difficulties, we must "push the battle to the gates," and conquer in the name of the Lord.

One of our greatest troubles in the rural districts is to find men of sufficient intelligence and consecration to act as superintendents and teachers, and *lead* in this great work until success has been assured. Lack of organization is another difficulty in our way. We have no conventions or prominent Sunday School meetings of any kind. If we would only look at the successes of secular life and see how much has been accomplished there by organization of different kinds, and then look at the success of the Sunday School work in other quarters, which success is attributed to the fact that the workers are organized, we might be impressed with the importance of this feature of successful operation. The brethren might hold, when practicable, circuit and parish conventions, so that plans might be compared and discussed, and an interest awakened that would add greatly to what has already been done.

We hail with delight the inauguration by our church of "Children's Day," and hope all pastors will see to its proper observance, and take on that day not a *missionary* collection, but, as directed by the General Conference, a collection for a Sunday School fund, ten per cent. of which must be remitted to Nashville, and the balance paid to the Treasurer of this Board. We would also say, for the information of the brethren, that $130 10 has been raised the past year, and, with collections coming in by the next Conference, we will be in condition to help such schools as may be in need.

Rev. A. E. Clay has been elected Secretary of this Board, and correspondence may be opened with him and applications filed with him; but the money is to be paid out only by order of the Board.

All amounts collected on "Children's Day" may be remitted to Rev. L. A. Reed, Treasurer.

J. M. BROWN, *Chairman.*

ON BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee on the Bible Cause beg leave to report. We rejoice to know that the blessed Word of God is now being printed and published in upwards of two hundred languages and dialects of the babbling tongues of earth, including Bibles for the blind.

The reports which have been made on the floor of the Conference reveal the fact that very little money has been collected during the past year in behalf of this cause, and that there are many sections of country within our bounds, and many families, destitute of the Holy Scriptures. This we regard as not only a serious obstacle in the way of our church work, but a reproach to our civilization

We are pleased to learn that the Rev. J. W. McLaurin has been appointed District Superintendent of the American Bible Society for the States of Mississippi and Louisiana, and that it is the intention of the Board to make a thorough canvass of the field with a view to place the Word of God in every family. We, therefore, recommend that the members of this Conference institute diligent inquiry as to the needs of the people in their respective charges, and that we will heartily cooperate with its Superintendent to spread the Holy Bible, both in our land and in all lands.

Inasmuch as the General Conference has recognized the importance of the Bible Cause by giving it a place in the official blanks,

Resolved, That we give this interest its proper notice in our congregations, and take up a collection at some suitable time during the year to help on this grand undertaking of placing a Bible in every family within our bounds.

R. S. TRIPPETT,
E. B. FOUST,
WM. HENDERSON.

MEMOIRS.

Rev. Jeptha Landrum.

Rev. Jeptha Landrum was born in Pike County, Ala., August 25, 1825; served in the Mexican War; graduated from the Law Department of the University of Louisiana in 1861; was for some time Chaplain in the Confederate service. He was happily married to Miss Missouri C. Butterworth, of Mansfield, La., January 21, 1864, and died, at his home, in West Melville, October 18, 1887.

In 1854 Bro. Landrum entered the Louisiana Conference, and was assigned to Natchitoches Circuit, and remained there during 1855. In 1856 he served the North Bossier Circuit, and in 1857 Thibodeaux Station. In 1858 he was assigned to Atchafalaya Circuit. In 1859 and 1860 he served Cadiz Street Church, New Orleans. In 1861 he served the North Bossier Circuit, and was stationed at Opelousas in 1862, and Mansfield in 1863. In 1864 he was appointed to Mansfield Circuit, and in 1865 to DeSoto Circuit.

At the Conference, held in Mansfield, December, 1865, Bro. Landrum withdrew from the Conference and entered into secular pursuits; but in 1877 he again entered the ministry, and was employed on East Point Circuit. In 1878 and 1879 he traveled Madison Circuit. In 1880 he was sent to Tensas Circuit, and was returned in 1881; but in August, of that year, was removed by his Presiding Elder, Rev. B. F. Alexander, to Winnsboro Circuit. In 1882 he traveled the Floyd Circuit, and in 1883 Rayville Circuit. In 1884 and 1885 he labored on the Rapides Circuit, and in 1886 was sent to Simmsport Circuit, and in 1887 to Melville Circuit, where he ended his life and labors. His last illness was long and painful, continuing through *sixty-five* days, during fifty of which he was given up by the physicians to die. During these days of intense suffering no word of murmuring was heard; not even a prayer that his sufferings might be less, or the period shortened, because he wanted to be made perfect through sufferings, and submitted to Him who doeth all things well. His consciousness continued to the last, and, in answer to the question asked by his sorrowing, yet patient wife, "Does Jesus save you now?" he replied, distinctly, "Yes, that He does;" and, raising his hands triumphantly, exclaimed: "Up, up, up, rejoice!" and ceased to breathe. Thus Bro. Landrum passed away from earth, doubtless, to enter the jasper walls and pearly gates of the New Jerusalem.

Rev. J. D. Jackson.

The subject of this notice was born at Clinton, La., March 15, 1861; was happily converted May 28, 1879, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Olive Branch, East Feliciana Circuit, Mississippi Conference. He immediately commenced holding prayer meetings in the community, which were attended with success and profit.

He was strongly impressed from the moment of his surrender to the blessed Savior of his call to preach the gospel, and was licensed to preach at Manassa, East Feliciana, September 12, 1880.

He was married, March 16, 1882, to Miss Tanie L. Reames.

He served the church efficiently and acceptably, in the capacity of a local preacher, four years; was employed by the presiding elder to supply the Livingston Mission, which post he held in 1882 and 1883. In 1884 he was on the Grosse Tete and False River Circuit, Louisiana Conference, in connection with Rev. F. G. Hocutt.

He was recommended by the Grosse Tete Quarterly Conference to the Louisiana Annual Conference, and was received into the Conference at Minden, January 11, 1885.

He was appointed, in connection with the writer, as junior preacher to Vermilion and Rayne work, which was subsequently divided by the Presiding Elder, Rev. C. Keener, and he was assigned to Vermilion and Kimball's Chapel. In 1886 and 1887 he was appointed to the Opelousas charge, where he finished his course, July 25, 1887.

As a preacher, Bro. Jackson was earnest and impressive, aiming always at the heart of his auditors, and expecting immediate effects to attend the faithful preaching of the gospel. He never entered the pulpit without fervently entreating the presence of the Holy Spirit, both in his illuminating and sanctifying power, believing every human effort would prove ineffectual and abortive, however earnest and orthodox, if destitute of supernatural influence and agency.

Sunday, previous to his triumphant exit on Monday, he said to his weeping wife, "This is the last night I shall spend with my family." On Sister Jackson interrogating him concerning his future prospects, he said, with his last gasping breath, "There"—meaning in heaven.

Thus, when the chariot descended, he was ready; and, through the trackless ether, on flying wheel and burning axle, he sped away, leaving behind earth, sun and constellation, for the Golden City; and, entering the gates of solid pearl, his fiery wheel and flaming steed stood still within walls of jasper, garnished with all manner of precious stones, while redeemed spirits came, joined by the angelic host, welcoming him to celestial companionship forever. M. C. MANLEY.

REV. JAMES PERRY PORTER.

Rev. James Perry Porter, son of Rev. B. S. and E. A. R. Porter, was born in Houston County, Texas, August, 1854, and departed this life, at Washington, La., July 30, 1887.

Bro. Porter was the subject of very early religious impressions, and when but a boy sought and obtained religion, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Subsequent to his conversion he was strongly impressed with a call to the ministry; but, owing to his limited education, he hesitated to enter the sacred office. He carried in his own bosom convictions which he dare not disclose to his nearest friends, that often darkened his prospects and experience; nor were these convictions ever disclosed to any individual until the difficulties in his way of receiving an education were removed. Upon entering Centenary College he was licensed to preach; and during the two years he remained in that institution his ministerial labors were attended with a good degree of usefulness, and gave promise of future success.

While at College he suffered a severe attack of measles, from which he never fully recovered, which circumstance interfered largely with the prosecution of his studies, and, doubtless, shortened his collegiate career.

He was admitted on trial in the Louisiana Conference in 1883, held at Mansfield. His appointment that year was to Algiers and Gretna as junior preacher; but during the year he was, by the Presiding Elder, removed to Calcasieu Mission. In 1884 the mission was formed into Sulphur Mine Circuit, and he was returned. Owing to unavoidable circumstances during that year, the Presiding Elder moved him, and placed him at Rayne and Kimball's Chapel, then in connection with the Plaquemine Brulee Circuit. In 1885 and 1886 he was preacher in charge of Washington Circuit. He was returned in 1887, where he finished his course, and entered his Master's joy on July 30.

During his last illness he was a great sufferer. He was conscious of his death several days before it took place; arranged his matters; gave directions concerning his funeral, and then fell on sleep, and went home to God. M. C. MANLEY, *for Committee.*

Rev. J. J. Blanz.

Rev. J. J. Blanz died, at the ripe age of 66 years, on March 27, 1887. He joined the German Mission Conference in 1882. A year ago, by the action of the General Conference, he became a member of the Louisiana Conference, and was appointed pastor of Soroparu Street Church. Without education or exquisite refinement, he was nevertheless well qualified successfully to labor in the fields assigned him.

Bro. Blanz was a man of deep piety, much native talent, great industry, hopeful disposition. The style of his preaching was hortatory. As a singer in Zion, he had few equals. As a pastor, he was indefatigable and faithful. The poor and forsaken found in him a devoted friend. He leaves an aged widow. His children are married and provided for. His end was peace. With the name of Jesus on his lips, his spirit passed away.

J. B. A. Ahrens.

CONFERENCE ROLL—1888.

MEMBERS.	POST-OFFICES.	Entered Itinerancy.	Entered La. Conf.	Mode of Admission
John Pipes	St. Louis, Mo.	....	1847	Organization.
P. H. Dieffenweirth	Cl. Water, Fla	....	1849	Re-admitted.
J. L. Wright	Athens	1848	1853	Re-admitted.
B. F. Alexander	Oak Ridge	1852	1854	Transfer.
John A. Miller	Arcadia	1852	1855	Transfer.
B. F. White	Alexandria	....	1856	Transfer.
T. H. McClendon	Rayne	1855	1857	Transfer.
Jesse Fulton	Alpha	1855	1857	Discip'y Form.
T. J. Upton	L. Providence	....	1858	Discip'y Form.
A. G. Miller	Jackson	1858	1858	Transfer.
J. H. Stone	Gibbsland	1855	1859	Transfer.
John F. Wynn	Montgomery	....	1859	Discip'y Form.
Frederick White	Mansfield	....	1860	Re-admitted.
H. O. White	Minden	....	1862	Discip'y Form.
Charles W. Carter	New Orleans	....	1863	Discip'y Form.
Edwin W. Yancey	Funny Louis	....	1863	Discip'y Form.
Marcus C. Manley	La Fayette	....	1869	Transfer.
R. Parvin	Gibbsland	....	1871	Transfer.
Robert A. Davis	Coushatta	....	1871	Transfer.
Robert Randle	Arcadia	....	1871	Discip'y Form.
J. W. Medlock	New Iberia	....	1873	Discip'y Form.
C. R. Godfrey	Big Cane	1853	1873	Re-admitted.
George Jackson	Lecompte	....	1873	Transfer.
George M. Liverman	Keatchie	1869	1873	Transfer.
Reynolds S. Trippett	Knox Point	1847	1873	Transfer.
J. M. Brown	Bastrop	....	1873	Transfer.
C. Keener	Mansfield	....	1874	Discip'y Form.
E. B. Foust	Rocky Mount	1871	1874	Transfer.
T. S. Randle	Oak Ridge	....	1875	Discip'y Form.
William Hart	Monroe	....	1875	Discip'y Form.
J. D. Harper	Delhi	....	1875	Discip'y Form.
Robert S. Isbell	Robeline	....	1875	Discip'y Form.
James J. Billingsley	New Orleans	....	1875	Discip'y Form.
F. G. Hocutt	Haynesville	....	1875	Discip'y Form.
J. T. Sawyer	New Orleans	....	1875	Discip'y Form.
J. B. Walker	New Orleans	1836	1875	Transfer.
A. E Clay	Franklin	....	1875	Discip'y Form.
J. M. Johnston	Pleasant Hill	1865	1875	Transfer.
N. S. Cornell	Columbia	....	1875	Re-admitted.
Lewis A. Reed	Arbroth	....	1875	Re-admitted.
James A. Parker	Ruston	1860	1876	Transfer.
A. A. Cornett	Ind'n Village	....	1876	Transfer.
J. F. Patterson	Girard	....	1876	Discip'y Form.
T. K. Faunt LeRoy	Baton Rouge	....	1877	Discip'y Form.
J. B. Cassity	Mansfield	....	1879	Discip'y Form.
A. M. Wailes	Vernon	....	1880	Discip'y Form.
Samuel S. Keener	Rayne	....	1880	Discip'y Form.
J. L. P. Sheppard	Tulip	1876	1880	Discip'y Form.
J. M. Beard	New Orleans	1872	1880	Discip'y Form.
R. M. Blocker	Haughton	....	1882	Discip'y Form.
Charles T. Munholland	W. Monroe	....	1882	Discip'y Form.
R. S. Collier	Vernon	....	1883	Discip'y Form.
S. H. Whatley	Bunkie	....	1883	Discip'y Form.
Charles F. Evans	New Orleans	1864	1883	Transfer.

CONFERENCE ROLL—Continued.

MEMBERS.	POST-OFFICES	Entered Itinerancy.	Entered La. Conf.	Mode of Admission
B. Carradine	New Orleans	....	1883	Transfer.
R. J. Harp	Keatchie	....	1884	Re-admitted.
Francis M. Grace	Mansfield	1852	1884	Transfer.
William Wimberly	Plaquemine	....	1885	Discip'y Form.
E. B. Galloway	Downsville	....	1885	Discip'y Form.
F. D. Van Valkenburgh	Crowville	....	1885	Transfer.
Thomas B. White	Homer	....	1885	Transfer.
Stephen J. Davies	Opelousas	....	1886	Discip'y Form.
Daniel C. Barr	Shiloh	....	1886	Discip'y Form.
J. B. A. Ahrens	New Orleans	....	1887	Transfer.
J. T. Daves	Lake Charles	....	1887	Transfer.
A. T. Galloway	Bellevue	....	1887	Transfer.
J. H. Scruggs	Shreveport	....	1887	Transfer.
Whitmel P. Kimball	Harris'nburg	....	1887	Re-admitted.
H. D. Kimball	New Orleans	....	1887	Discip'y Form.
H. J. Boltz	Bayou Scie	....	1887	Discip'y Form.
Wilson Moore	Eden	....	1887	Discip'y Form.
J. F. Scurlock	New Orleans	....	1888	Transfer.
Robert Harry	Abbeville	....	1888	Discip'y Form.
J. J. Hoffpauir	Ada	....	1888	Discip'y Form.
F. N. Parker	New Orleans	....	1888	Discip'y Form.
J. S. Saunders	Mooringsport	....	1888	Discip'y Form.
H. S. Johns	Washington	....	1888	Discip'y Form.
H. Armstrong	Floyd	....	1888	Transfer.
J. O. Bennett	Broadnax	....	1888	Transfer.
W. R. Whatley	Sugartown	1875	1888	Re-admitted.

LAY DELEGATES.

New Orleans District.—W. B. Thomson. J. W. Nicholson. W. H. Foster. Hugh Jamieson, Jr.

Shreveport District.—B. C. Lee, J. L. Scales. Rev. W. F. Henderson. D. B. Doyle.

Opelousas District.—O. M. Marsh. A. M. Mayo. D. P. Upton. D. W. Foster.

Delhi District.—F. Garrett, A. S. Helmick, S. T. Jackson, S. Whited.

Alexandria District.—Otis Collins. Rev. G. W. Bruce, Daniel Brewer. John B. Pickles.

Homer District.—Dr. D. R. Roberts. J. W. Dawson. J. H. Madden. W. W. Guthrie.

NEW ORLEANS METHODIST DEPOSITORY.

TRUSTEES.

Bishop J. C. Keener. Rev. Jos. B. Walker. Dr. J. J. Lyons. W. H. Foster. J. H. Campman. Thos. J. Carver. J. G. Grant. J. G. Parham. B. O. L. Rayne.

The following are the Statistical and Financial Reports:

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

J. T. SAWYER, P. E.	Carondelet Street, B. Carradine.	Felicity Street, S. H. Werlein.	Rayne Memorial, Chas. F. Evans.	Moreau, H. D. Kimball,	Louisiana Avenue, Jos. B. Walker.	Algiers and Gretna, A. B. Earle.	Carrollton Avenue, F. S. Parker.	Dryades Street, F. G. Hocutt.	Baton Rouge. T. K. Faunt LeRoy.	Craps Street, J. B. A. Ahrens.	Soroparu Street. J. J. Blanz.	Plaquemine and Donaldsonville, Wm. Wimberly.	Gros Tete and False River, L. A. Reed.	St. Tammany Mission, F. Matthies.	Total.	Total last year.
Local Preachers	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	1	9	8
White Members	550	358	253	170	190	103	82	105	330	91	108	87	49	25	2,501	2363
Colored Members	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	2	.....	7	2
Adults Baptized	5	1	1	5	1	.....	1	.....	13	.....	.....	18	2	.....	47	31
Infants Baptized	39	14	3	9	11	4	2	10	14	10	5	17	12	6	156	155
No. of Churches	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	19	19
Value of Churches	$ 35,000	$ 30,000	$ 43,000	$20,000	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ 8,000	$18,000	$25,600	$ 5,000	$ 4,700	$ 6,500	$ 2,000	$ 1,200	$ 209,000 00	$ 204,900 00
No. of Parsonages	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	2	1	.....	1	7	8
Value of Parsonages	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 2,500	2,000	$ 1,000	$ 2,100	$ 2,600	.....	200 00	$ 10,400 00	$ 10,800 00
Val. of other Ch. Pr'y.	$122,000	$ 1,600	$ 400	.....	$ 4,000	$ 1,437	.....	250 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	129,787 25	127,500 00
Exp. on Ch. and Pars.	2,240 00	19,333 79	322 00	50 00	.....	.....	47 55	237 46	25 40	25 00	150 00	575 00	.....	100 00	23,106 20	6,846 89
Sunday Schools	3	2	1	2	1	3	3	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	26	20
Officers and Teachers	50	35	20	18	19	21	27	10	20	20	8	5	8	2	263	219
Scholars	300	250	166	225	175	195	250	135	217	100	55	25	26	15	2,131	1,709
Ex'p for S. S. Lit're	40 00	$ 191 58	$ 27 40	220 75	165 65	46 36	88 75	39 00	56 83	125 00	25 00	19 95	6 15	10	1,062 42	$ 1,027 50
Contr. for Mis. by S. S.	92 20	89 22	51 28	108 00	56 49	.....	.....	45 15	16 40	17 00	11 10	6 00	.....	.....	482 84	404 25
Children's Day	11 50	.....	5 00	8 00	.....	5 70	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45 20	.....
Assessed for P. Elder.	300 00	300 00	270 00	90 00	112 00	90 00	45 00	75 00	195 00	.....	.....	90 00	90 00	.....	1,627 00	1,228 00
Paid Presiding Elder.	300 00	272 80	210 00	90 25	112 50	90 00	45 00	45 00	161 15	25 25	40 00	90 00	40 00	2 00	1,523 70	1,236 10
Ass'd for Pr. in Ch	2,000 00	2,000 00	$ 1,800	600 00	750 00	600 00	300 00	500 00	1,300	.....	.....	610 00	600 00	.....	11,060 00	$ 12,360 00
Paid for Pr. in Ch	2,000 00	1,800 00	$ 1,360	690 85	890 00	500 00	240 75	300 00	1022 45	125 00	50 00	610 00	232 00	25 00	9,846 05	$11,498 60
Assessed for Bishops.	55 00	55 00	41 00	16 00	20 00	16 00	.....	18 00	41 00	.....	.....	10 00	16 00	.....	288 00	.....
Paid Bishops	55 00	55 00	21 00	16 00	20 00	16 00	4 00	15 00	35 00	7 50	345 00	10 00	10 40	1 00	269 35	320 45
Ass'd for Conf. Cl'ts	200 00	200 00	150 00	60 00	76 00	60 00	.....	75 00	150 00	.....	.....	.....	60 00	.....	1,031 00	.....
Paid Conf. Claimants.	200 00	180 00	80 00	61 45	83 20	70 50	14 00	30 00	.....	8 30	4 35	45 00	17 10	2 00	795 90	934 75
Other Objects	294 00	886 00	508 00	476 00	203 00	10 80	.....	132 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,509 80	10.5 33 02
Ass'd for For. Mis.	340 00	340 00	255 00	102 00	127 00	102 00	.....	100 00	.....	40 00	.....	.....	102 00	.....	1,508 00	.....
Paid Foreign Mis.	340 00	240 50	152 28	32 75	213 80	102 00	51 60	12 85	134 40	46 45	24 70	55 00	10 00	3 00	1,419 33	1,297 35
Ass'd for Dom. Mis.	85 00	85 00	63 75	25 50	32 00	25 50	.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,71 75	.....
Paid Domestic Mis.	85 00	42 00	31 00	25 50	32 00	25 50	.....	10 00	20 00	11 00	5 00	15 00	4 00	1 00	307 00	456 35
Ass'd for Ch. Ext'n	101 00	101 00	75 00	31 00	37 00	31 00	.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	.....	486 00	.....
Paid Church Ext'n	101 00	42 35	4 35	10 00	21 00	31 00	.....	5 00	10 00	5 25	2 00	10 00	7 91	1 00	250 86	325 90
Education	55 00	22 00	15 00	11 00	20 00	16 00	.....	5 00	10 00	.....	.....	7 50	7 35	.....	168 85	225 80
Bible Cause	.....	22 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 00	.....

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

J. B. CASSITY, P. E.	Shreveport. J. H. Scruggs.	Caddo, Robt. J. Harp.	Mansfield. J. M. Beard.	Grand Cane, A. T. Galloway.	Many, H. J. Boltz.	Pleasant Hill, J. M. Johnson.	Natchitoches. R. S. Isbell.	Coushatta. R. A. Davis.	Red River. R. S. Trippett.	South Bossier. R. M. Blocker. H. S. Johns.	North Bossier. E. B. Foust.	Morningsport. Joshua Sanders.	Woodside and Ebenezer s. J. Davies.	East Point. G. A. Mandeville.	Anacoco. J. M. Davis.	Total.	Total last year.
Local Preachers	1	2	.....	2	4	2	1	2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	4	19	19
White Members	293	155	180	155	671	331	188	173	23	415	286	192	50 00	131	300	3,543	3,520
Colored Members	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Adults Baptized	3	5	4	1	76	17	20	9	.....	24	29	7	1	2	5	223	294
Infants Baptized	6	3	6	7	50	14	10	13	1	5	24	12	.....	8	9	183	172
Churches	1	3	1	2 1/3	8	5	3	2	1	8 1/3	5	3	2	2	3	49 2/3	52 1/3
Value of Churches	$40,000	$ 3,300	$ 3,000	$ 1,800	$ 4,000	$ 3,500	$ 5,500	$ 3,525	$3,000	$ 6,665	$2,600	$2,700	$1,200	$ 450	$ 500	$ 81,740	$ 60,065
Parsonages	.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	11	9
Value of Parsonages	.....	600 00	2,250	400 00	300 00	300 00	100 00	500 00	500 00	660 00	350	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,960 00	5,450 00
Other Church Property	.....	.....	25,000	200 00	43 00	400 00	400 00	.....	200 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	200 00	.....	26,443 00	29,625 00
Exp'd on Churches and Pr.	29 42	130 00	.....	300 00	.....	1,200 00	1,160 55	50 00	175 00	77 75	51 10	35 60	.....	175 00	.....	3,383 42	3,096 65
Sunday Schools	1	3	1	6	7	5	4	5	2	8	3	2	2	2	.....	51	51
Officers and Teachers	15	21	16	36	35	23	23	18	7	30	13	10	4	7	.....	258	261
No. of Scholars	185	105	125	180	225	240	205	130	30	300	85	80	35	20	.....	1,945	1,936
Exp'd for S. S. Literature	83 20	15 00	40 00	50 00	35 06	27 00	80 00	23 00	35 00	39 10	10 40	22 25	5 00	7 25	.....	472 16	363 10
Children's Day	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 10	.....
Assessed for P. Elder	200 00	112 00	110 00	70 00	.....	75 00	100 00	85 00	140 00	95 00	62 50	50 00	30 00	10 00	.....	1,139 50	950 00
Paid Presiding Elder	200 00	81 02	110 00	45 87	68 55	48 80	40 35	61 72	80 20	74 30	37 90	28 75	18 95	10 00	.....	901 41	777 42
Assessed for Pr. in Charge	2,000	850 00	800 00	560 00	.....	600 00	800 00	700 00	1,000	600 00	500 00	400 00	180 00	425 00	150 00	9,415 00	10,445 00
Paid Preacher in Charge	2,000	650 23	603 00	354 18	280 44	400 00	382 20	493 79	670 00	463 90	278 10	224 45	152 00	278 60	75 80	7,230 89	7,873 73
Assessed for Bishops	25 00	11 00	10 00	8 00	.....	.....	10 00	10 00	10 00	9 00	8 00	5 00	3 60	2 00	.....	111 00	.....
Paid Bishops	25 00	11 00	10 00	3 00	4 00	5 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	6 00	6 00	2 50	3 00	2 00	.....	107 50	91 20
Ass'd for Con'fr Cl'ts	142 00	72 00	60 00	30 00	.....	.....	32 60	42 00	60 00	42 00	30 00	32 00	10 00	6 00	.....	558 00	.....
Paid Con'fr. Claimants	142 00	72 00	60 00	13 75	10 00	14 55	22 90	42 00	25 00	20 00	21 00	18 60	10 00	7 75	.....	478 95	370 90
Other Objects	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	209 40	.....	.....	32 05	.....	.....	.....	270 00	.....	511 45	380 40
Ass'd for Foreign Missions	270 00	110 00	113 00	70 00	25 00	.....	50 00	75 00	75 00	40 00	34 00	50 00	18 00	10 00	.....	940 00	.....
Paid for Foreign Missions	270 00	151 50	123 50	27 50	25 00	15 00	29 00	75 00	20 00	40 00	20 00	15 00	18 00	10 00	.....	839 50	626 10
Ass'd for Domestic Miss	60 00	35 00	25 00	28 00	20 00	.....	20 00	38 00	30 00	30 00	20 00	15 00	7 50	7 50	.....	336 00	.....
Paid for Domestic Missions	60 00	35 00	25 00	9 00	10 00	5 00	12 09	7 85	5 00	14 00	10 00	5 00	7 50	7 50	.....	212 85	181 77
Ass'd for Church Extension	56 25	35 00	25 00	30 00	20 00	.....	20 00	30 00	30 00	30 00	15 00	15 00	5 00	7 50	.....	318 75	.....
Paid for Church Extension	56 25	35 00	25 00	11 45	2 50	.....	.....	.....	2 50	10 00	5 50	.....	5 00	5 75	.....	158 95	88 15
Education	25 00	11 00	10 00	3 00	10 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	5 00	2 00	1 00	.....	2 00	.....	74 00	84 70
Bible Cause	25 00	11 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 00	.....

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT.

B. F. ALEXANDER, P. E.	Alexandria, B. F. White.	Columbia, N. S. Cornell.	Simmsport, J. Landrum.	Spring Creek, S. H. Cooper.	Sugar Town, J. M. Monroe,	Trinity, Wilson Moore.	Evergreen, S. H. Whatley.	Ada, J. Ivy Hoffpauir.	Montgomery and Winfield, Jno. F. Wynn.	Centreville, J. J. Masters.	Total.	Total last year.
Local Preachers	1	4	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	3	1	1	17	13
White Members	216	235	44	300	175	74	400	390	425	180	2,439	2,193
Colored Members	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Adults Baptized	7	10	7	25	2	12	87	36	37	4	227	62
Infants Baptized	13	16	9	15	4	23	38	62	.....	10	192	170
No. of Churches	5	5	2	9	.....	2	6	7	2	2	40	38[2]
Value of Churches	$7,500 00	$3,500 00	$1,500 00	$2,000 00	.....	$ 500 00	$3,500 00	$1,500 00	$ 900 00	$ 450 00	$ 21,350 00	$ 21,750 00
No. of Parsonages	2	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	2	2	.....	10	8
Value of Parsonages	1,400 00	500 00	.....	150 00	500 00	.....	380 00	750 00	700 00	.....	4,380 00	5,280 00
Other Church Property	1,000 00	125 00	700 00	1,000 00	.....	.....	250 00	305 00	125	100 00	3,505 00	3,232 00
Expended for Churches and Parsonages	823 60	.....	673 35	50 00	75 00	.....	578 00	79 30	105 00	.....	2,384 25	2,018 00
No. of Sunday Schools	4	4	1	8	5	2	7	8	8	3	50	44
No. of Officers and Teachers	23	14	7	24	20	6	51	35	25	16	221	204
No. of Scholars	130	125	46	225	163	30	214	215	200	100	1,448	1,545
Expended for S. S. Literature	40 00	70 00	50 00	.....	.....	.....	143 10	20 40	20 00	7 00	350 60	273 70
Collected for Missions	5 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 90	2 60
Children's Day	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....
Assessed for Presiding Elder	100 00	75 00	25 00	37 50	37 50	37 50	112 00	75 00	75 00	37 00	574 50	668 00
Paid Presiding Elder	82 90	51 70	33 50	20 00	20 00	20 00	90 00	58 15	50 00	18 00	426 25	319 10
Assessed for Preacher in Charge	800 00	700 00	200 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	650 00	600 00	625 00	300 00	4,475 00	4,975 00
Paid for Preacher in Charge	661 45	457 95	117 25	150 00	67 50	179 25	443 00	525 65	490 00	100 00	3,092 05	2'928 96
Assessed for Bishops	10 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	.....	5 00	10 00	4 00	10 00	4 00	59 00	.....
Paid for Bishops	10 00	7 50	.....	3 00	.....	2 00	7 00	4 00	2 50	.....	36 00	20 50
Asssessed for Conference Claimants	50 00	50 00	20 00	15 00	.....	.....	50 00	15 00	50 00	15 00	250 00	.....
Paid for Conference Claimants	50 00	31 50	.....	3 00	1 50	.....	40 00	15 00	12 50	4 00	153 50	85 15
Other Objects	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	.....	100 00	106 00
Assessed for Foreign Missions	50 00	50 00	.....	25 00	.....	.....	50 00	10 00	50 00	10 00	245 00	.....
Paid for Foreign Missions	64 00	25 00	.....	6 00	2 50	10 00	35 00	18 00	25 00	3 50	188 00	104 70
Assessed for Domestic Missions	25 00	30 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	25 00	5 00	25 00	10 00	130 00	.....
Paid for Domestic Missions	25 00	10 00	.....	2 50	4 50	.....	25 00	8 00	2 50	4 50	82 00	23 70
Assessed for Church Extension	33 33	33 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	33 00	10 00	.....	.....	119 33	.....
Paid for Church Extension	33 50	6 50	.....	2 00	.....	.....	15 00	3 00	2 50	.....	62 50	10 20
Education	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	4 00	2 50	.....	19 50	490
Bible Cause	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 05	.....	.....	.....	1 05	.....

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.

S. S. KEENER, P. E.	Opelousas, J. D. Jackson, C. B. Carter.	Washington, J. P. Porter.	Rayne and Plaq. Brule. H. O. White.	Lafayette, M. C. Manley.	New Iberia. J. W. Medlock.	Franklin. A. E. Clay.	Pattersonville and Morgan City, F. N. Parker.	Lake Charles. J. T. Daves.	Abbeville, R. Harry,	Sulphur Mines and Grand Chenière, R. C. Howell.	German Mission, C. Knudsen.	Jeanerette and Cypremort.	Total.	Total last year.
Local Preachers	2	1		2				1		3			9	12
White Members	125	114	243	327	195	120	112	182	180	94	31		1,723	1,640
Colored Members								1					1	2
Adults Baptized	3	4	6	9	3	1		5	12	2			45	50
Infants Baptized	11	2	14	56	14	19	8	31	25	19	5		208	181
No. of Churches	1	2	2	2	1	3	2	1	2	4	1		21	20
Value of Churches	$2,000 00	$2,700 00	$3,800 00	$2,500 00	$4,300 00	$4,000 00	$8,000 00	$1,250 00	$2,500 00	$1,800 00	$2,000 00		$ 33,850 00	$ 30,250 00
No. of Parsonages	1		1	1	1	1	2	1		1	1	1	11	10
Value of Parsonages	2,000 00		600 00	900 00	2,200 00	2,000 00	2,430 00	1,250 00		350 00	1,000 00	1,100 00	13,800 00	13,250 00
Value of Other Ch. Pr									50 00		700 00		750 00	550 00
Exp'd on Chs. & Pars.			83 00	877 75	145 00	200 00	507 66	260 30	50 00				2123 71	3,675 00
Sunday Schools	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	6	1		22	20
Officers and Teachers	12	8	26	12	12	10	10	17	12	35	3		157	139
No. of Scholars	40	45	150	117	91	120	80	150	100	130	15		1,038	1,068
Exp'd for S. S. Lit't're	17 05	6 95	38 00		40 50	37 00	48 00	135 14	12 00		6 25		341 29	521 81
Contr. by S. S. for Mis	5 75	2 75	4 55	6 00	13 00			65 30		7 40			104 75	83 60
Children's Day					7 15			30 00					37 15	
Assessed for P. Elder	95 00	40 00	95 00	80 00	80 00	90 00	90 00	95 00	50 00	50 00	20 00		785 00	875 00
Paid for P. Elder	63 80	27 35	95 00	52 00	75 50		90 00	84 00	35 00	38 00	6 50		567 15	608 15
Ass'd for Pr. in Ch	925 00	515 00	800 00	600 00	800 00	710 00	600 00	1,000 00	600 00	300 00	360 00		7,210 00	7,810 00
Paid for Pr. in Charge	475 00	130 00	582 70	382 25	561 00		650 00	805 00	500 00	153 60	185 75		4,367 30	4,652 10
Assessed for Bishops	13 00	8 00	13 00	12 00	13 00	10 00	10 00	13 00	10 00	8 00			110 00	
Paid for Bishops	13 00	8 00	13 00	12 00	12 00	10 00	10 00	13 00	10 00	8 00	4 50		113 15	99 15
Ass'd for Conf. Claim	75 00	35 00	75 00	60 00	75 00	23 00	70 00	75 00	50 00	40 00			578 00	
Paid for Conf. Claim	28 25	31 95	40 00	60 00	32 50	23 00	70 00	38 50	12 60	6 70	2 00		345 50	319 15
Other Objects	30 00	58 25			91 17	37 00					19 00		235 42	808 04
Ass'd for For. Miss	95 00	45 00	95 00	80 00	95 00	90 00	90 00	95 00	50 00	45 00			780 00	
Paid for For. Miss	36 95	54 00	50 00	71 25	37 00	19 00	70 75	40 75	46 50	43 10	1 85		471 15	314 80
Ass'd for Dom. Miss	45 00	15 00	45 00	35 00	45 00	40 00	40 00	45 00		15 00			325 00	
Paid for Dom. Miss	7 80	9 25	20 00		15 00	7 00	30 00	20 00		8 00			117 05	140 15
Ass'd for Ch. Ext'n	35 00	15 00	35 00	25 00	35 00		30 00	35 00		20 00			230 00	
Paid for Church Ex	4 00	5 50	17 50		12 00		10 00	12 00			1 80		72 80	85 10
Education	10 25	8 00	11 00	8 00	8 50	5 00	7 00	7 00	4 25	5 00	4 50		79 40	42 00
Bible Cause				5 00	4 00			45 00					54 00	

DELHI DISTRICT.

J. D. HARPER, P. E.	Monroe and Delhi, Wm. Hart.	Trenton & W. Monroe T. H. McClendon.	Bastrop, J. J. Billingsly.	Lind Grove, J. M. Brown	Richland, J. F. Patterson.	Lake Providence, T. J. Upton.	Floyd, C. T. Munholland.	Oak Ridge, T. S. Randle.	Winnsboro, T. D. Van Valkenburg	Waterproof, R. S. Collier.	Harrisonburg, W. P. Kimball.	Total.	Total last year.
Local Preachers	....	....	1	1	....	....	2	....	1	....	....	5	4
White Members	200	120	143	228	173	100	379	204	127	96	111	1,881	1,997
Colored Members	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	3
Adults Baptized	4	8	14	6	2	7	11	19	10	....	4	85	60
Infants Baptized	7	4	14	6	7	5	26	3	32	8	26	138	78
No. of Churches	2	3	2	3	1	2	3	2	4	4	2	28	32
Value of Churches	$6,000 00	$3,500 00	$5,000 00	$1,800 00	$ 600 00	$3,500 00	$ 865 00	$3,000 00	$5,200 00	$4,500 00	$2,500 00	$ 36,465 00	$ 33,000 00
No. of Parsonages	....	1	1	1	1	....	1	1	....	1	....	7	7
Value of Parsonages	....	500 00	1,500 00	500 00	415 00	....	500 00	800 00	....	900 00	....	5,115 00	5,100 00
Value of Other Ch. Property	200 00	....	....	100 00	60 00	....	50 00	25 00	10 00	....	....	445 00	600 00
Exp'd on Churches and Pars.	150 00	50 00	700 00	125 00	635 65	2,300 00	....	55 00	18 85	106 00	900 00	4,179 50	1,762 95
No. of Sunday Schools	2	3	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	24	22
Officers and Teachers	18	16	12	6	10	10	11	15	8	10	14	130	125
Scholars	185	100	90	60	45	85	81	130	78	65	69	988	812
Expended for S. S. Literature	41 50	26 25	31 05	12 00	2 50	20 00	10 95	23 25	14 50	25 00	16 00	223 00	140 55
Collected for Missions	30 16	5 05	....	....	....	....	1 60	7 55	....	....	....	44 85	7 95
Children's Day	....	....	2 75	....	....	....	....	6 60	3 35	11 15	6 00	29 85	....
Assessed for Pr. Elder	100 00	80 00	100 00	95 00	70 00	80 00	100 00	100 00	90 00	100 00	100 00	1,015 00	1,075 00
Paid Presiding Elder	71 90	38 55	83 15	56 60	58 90	80 00	57 60	100 00	32 00	52 15	37 27	678 00	621 90
Assessed for Pr. in Charge	1,000 00	600 00	800 00	700 00	600 00	830 00	800 00	700 00	625 00	500 00	400 00	7,555 00	8,570 00
Paid Preacher in Charge	713 95	372 70	575 00	440 00	523 40	702 24	418 70	625 00	281 95	344 38	330 78	5,328 07	5,007 03
Assessed for Bishops	14 00	10 00	14 00	10 00	8 00	10 00	9 00	10 20	8 00	11 00	11 00	115 00	....
Paid Bishops	10 00	6 00	9 00	7 00	8 00	8 00	7 55	10 00	8 00	2 50	7 00	83 05	63 30
Assessed for Conf. Claimants	70 00	47 00	70 00	47 00	65 00	45 00	50 00	60 00	42 00	60 00	.....	556 00	....
Paid Conference Claimants	50 10	23 00	70 00	25 00	65 00	25 00	24 00	60 00	21 00	20 00	5 00	388 10	246 80
Other Objects	19 00	....	160 00	....	....	....	....	22 55	....	....	....	201 55	224 25
Assessed for Foreign Missions	93 00	80 00	93 00	80 00	66 00	75 00	80 00	88 00	80 00	88 00	....	823 00	....
Paid for Foreign Missions	60 00	42 10	90 00	25 00	66 00	10 00	34 90	88 00	39 20	15 00	4 00	474 20	385 85
Assessed for Dom. Missions	34 00	28 00	34 00	28 00	23 00	28 00	28 00	28 00	28 00	28 00	....	287 00	....
Paid for Domestic Missions	13 25	12 00	25 00	10 00	23 00	2 00	3 80	28 00	3 50	5 00	4 00	129 55	60 90
Assessed for Church Ext'n	34 00	30 00	36 00	30 00	22 00	30 00	26 00	33 00	24 00	32 00	....	297 00	....
Paid for Church Extension	11 45	13 00	25 00	10 00	7 00	2 50	3 60	33 00	6 50	2 00	....	114 05	45 85
Education	8 00	10 00	8 00	10 00	2 50	10 00	25	10 00	75	1 00	....	60 50	28 60
Bible Cause	....	4 35	....	....	....	27 00	25	....	.....	1 00	....	32 60	....

HOMER DISTRICT.

R. RANDLE, P. E.	Homer, T. B. White.	Haynesville, C. R. Godfrey.	Minden, C. Keener.	Brushwood, R. Parvin.	Ringgold, Wm. May.	Sparta, P. Burckett.	Arcadia, Jno. A. Miller.	Tulip, J. L. P. Shephard.	Summerfield, D. C. Barr.	Ruston, J. A. Parker.	Douglas, Jno. L. Williams.	Vernon, J. L. Wright.	Downsville, E. B. Galloway.	Farmerville, Wm. H. Hill.	Indian Village, A. A. Cornett.	Total.	Total last year.
Local Preachers	3	1	.....	.....	4	4	2	1	3	.....	1	.....	3	.....	6	28	30
No. of Members	386	326	187	322	291	459	340	260	370	138	350	242	106	150	301	4,228	4,062
Adults Baptized	33	17	.....	13	42	10	14	20	79	.....	13	.....	4	17	40	302	242
Infants Baptized	10	.....	1	12	8	15	5	2	5	1	.....	.....	15	1	48	123	75
No. of Churches	3	5	2	3	4	19	2	3	4	1	4	5⅓	4	3	6	59⅓	62¼
Value of Churches	$ 5,600	$ 4,792	$ 3,000	$ 1,600	$ 1,400	$ 2,000	$ 3,000	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	$ 3,000	$ 1,770	$ 1,200	$850 00	$ 1,800	$ 1,100	$ 35,112	$ 31,235
No. of Parsonages	1	1	1	.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	12	10
Value of Parsonages	1,000	688 00	900 00	.....	202 00	200 00	1,200	300 00	350 00	621 00	250 00	350 00	400 00	.....	.....	6,461 00	5,416 00
Val. of other Ch. Pr'y	125 00	.....	50 00	800 00	.....	.....	.....	100 00	2,800	.....	50 00	.....	500 00	1,800	.....	6,225 00	1,317 00
Exp. on Ch. and Pars	268 02	314 40	.....	100 00	.....	649 00	.....	.....	100 00	779 55	.....	.....	.....	457 30	.....	2,668 27	2,871 85
Sunday Schools	3	5	2	4	1	7	3	2	3	1	4	3	3	2	5	48	51
Officers and Teachers	25	27	18	30	3	25	30	12	18	16	14	8	15	14	20	275	305
Scholars	205	190	156	250	10	150	253	60	100	137	105	50	160	40	140	2,006 00	2,220 00
Ex'p for S. S. Lit're	56 15	15 57	28 05	30 00	4 00	20 00	55 95	20 00	30 00	53 36	15 00	8 00	22 35	4 00	29 50	362 53	349 25
Contr. for Mis. by S. S.	14 40	.....	17 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 85	.....	.....	42 35	15 10
Children's Day	13 35	7 95	13 65	.....	.....	.....	11 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46 20	.....
Assessed for P. Elder	104 00	96 00	106 00	.....	60 00	60 00	108 00	90 00	95 00	85 00	48 00	72 00	96 00	60 00	60 00	1,140 00	1,500 00
Paid Presiding Elder	104 00	65 30	106 09	.....	43 10	38 00	122 55	50 00	75 00	73 25	.....	60 00	60 00	27 60	44 80	869 60	974 40
Ass'd for Pr. in Ch	700 00	650 00	625 00	500 00	400 00	500 00	750 00	600 00	460 00	1,000	.....	500 00	500 00	500 00	650 00	8,335 00	7,910 00
Paid for Pr. in Ch	729 85	594 34	459 00	304 00	375 00	389 00	732 00	.....	520 00	813 26	.....	441 00	399 00	221 55	580 00	6,558 05	6,176 52
Assessed for Bishops	11 00	11 00	12 50	6 75	6 75	6 75	12 50	10 00	11 00	9 15	4 00	8 00	8 00	6 75	6 50	130 65	.....
Paid Bishops	11 00	11 00	12 50	4 00	3 00	5 00	7 05	5 00	7 00	9 15	3 00	5 00	4 00	1 00	2 50	90 25	98 60
Ass'd for Conf. Cl'ts	54 85	54 85	60 00	32 25	33 25	33 25	60 90	48 70	52 90	40 00	27 75	39 90	53 20	33 00	27 85	652 65	974 40
Paid Conf. Claimants	61 35	49 65	60 00	10 00	10 00	7 30	34 50	15 00	25 00	40 00	23 85	20 35	22 00	2 00	7 00	388 00	370 10
Other Objects	268 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80 00	.....	.....	65 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	413 76	362 35
Ass'd for For. Mis	85 35	82 35	95 00	50 00	50 00	50 00	91 50	73 20	82 00	55 00	39 00	60 00	80 00	30 00	50 00	973 00	.....
Paid Foreign Mis	85 35	82 35	95 75	14 00	15 00	10 00	86 85	30 00	25 00	55 00	15 50	18 00	51 35	3 00	9 20	600 35	648 00
Ass'd for Dom. Mis	31 68	31 68	35 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	33 00	25 60	29 00	20 00	13 35	21 60	28 80	18 00	18 00	359 00	.....
Paid Domestic Mis	31 68	31 68	35 00	8 00	5 00	5 00	18 75	10 00	15 00	20 00	6 50	4 85	17 00	2 00	1 00	208 46	194 90
Ass'd for Ch. Ext'n	28 35	28 97	31 40	17 15	17 15	17 10	31 40	25 00	28 55	.....	13 37	20 00	27 55	17 15	17 00	320 17	.....
Paid Church Ext'n	28 35	28 97	32 40	2 00	2 00	2 00	12 40	5 00	4 30	.....	6 75	2 15	14 85	.....	4 00	144 17	192 85
Education	11 00	7 00	11 50	.....	6 75	6 25	.....	.....	.....	9 17	2 40	1 65	4 00	.....	1 00	61 70	65 65
Bible Cause	25	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	15 00	.....	.....	35 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52 45	.....

RECAPITULATION.

	New Orleans District, Jno. T. Sawyer, P. E.	Shreveport District, J. B Cassity, P. E.	Alexandria District, B. F. Alexander, P. E.	Opelousas District, S. S. Keener, P. E.	Delhi District, J. D. Harper, P. E.	Homer District, Robert Randle, P. E.	Total.	Total last year.
Local Preachers	9	19	17	9	5	28	87	86
White Members	2,501	3,543	2,439	1,723	1,881	4.228	16,315	15,775
Colored Members	7	.....	1	1	1	....	10	10
Adults Baptized	47	223	227	45	85	302	929	739
Infants Baptized	156	183	192	208	138	123	1,000	831
No. of Churches	19	49 2/3	40	21	28	59 1/3	217	222 1/4
Value of Churches	$ 209 000 00	$ 81,740 00	$ 21,350 00	$ 33,850 00	$ 36,465 00	$ 35,112 00	$417.517 00	$381.240 00
No. of Parsonages	7	11	10	11	7	12	58	53
Value of Parsonages	$ 10.400 00	5.960 00	4.380 00	13.800 00	5.115 00	6,461 00	46.116 00	45.296 00
Other Church Property	* 129.787 25 †	26.443 00	3.505 00	750 00	445 00	6.225 00	167.155 25	162.827 00
Expended for Churches and Parsonages	23.106 20	3.383 42	2.384 25	2.123 71	4,179 50	2,668 27	37,845 35	20.480 84
No. of Sunday Schools	26	51	50	22	24	48	221	208
No. of Officers and Teachers	263	258	221	157	130	275	1.304	1,253
No. of Scholars	2.131	1.945	1,448	1,038	988	2,006	9,556	9,290
Expended for S. S. Literature	1.062 42	471,16	350 60	341 29	223 00	362 53	2.812 00	2,675 91
Collected for Missions	482 84	....	5 90	104 75	44 35	42 35	680 19	515 50
Children's Day	45 20	11 10	5 00	37 15	29 85	46 20	174 50	....
Assessed for Presiding Elder	1.627 00	1.139 00	574 50	785 00	1,015 00	1,140 00	6.280 50	6 296 00
Paid Presiding Elder	1.523 70	901 41	426 25	567 15	678 10	869 60	4.966 21	4.547 87
Assessed for Preacher in Charge	11.060 00	9.415 00	4.475 00	7,210 00	7,555 00	8.335 00	48.050 00	52.070 00
Paid for Preacher in Charge	9.846 05	7.230 89	3,092 05	4.367 30	5.328 07	6,558 05	36,422 41	38,136 94
Assessed for Bishops	288 00	111 00	59 00	110 00	115 00	130 65	890 05	800 00
Paid for Bishops	269 35	107 50	36 00	113 50	83 05	90 25	699 65	690 20
Asssessed for Conference Claimants	1,031 00	558 00	250 00	578 00	556 00	652 65	3.625 65	....
Paid for Conference Claimants	795 90	478 00	153 50	345 50	388 10	388 00	2.550 35	2.326 85
Other Objects	2.509 80	511 45	100 00	235 42	201 55	413 77	3,971 99	....
Assessed for Foreign Missions	1,508 00	940 00	245 00	780 00	823 00	973 40	5,269 40	....
Paid for Foreign Missions	1,419 33	839 50	188 00	471 15	474 20	600 35	3.992 53	3.376 85
Assessed for Domestic Missions	371 75	336 80	130 00	325 00	287 00	359 00	1.809 55	....
Paid for Domestic Missions	307 00	212 85	82 00	117 05	129 55	208 46	1.056 91	1.057 77
Assessed for Church Extension	436 00	318 75	119 33	230 00	297 00	320 17	1,721 25	....
Paid for Church Extension	250 86	158 95	62 50	72 80	114 05	144 17	803 33	748 05
Education	168 85	74 00	19 50	79 40	60 50	61 70	463 95	450 75
Bible Cause	22 00	36 00	1 05	54 00	32 60	52 45	198 10	....

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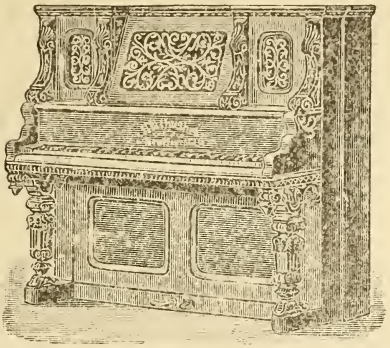

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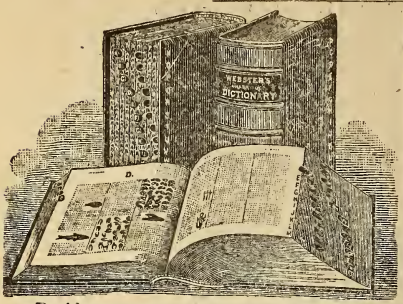

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